



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Statement Number 122

Master of the Supreme Court

Background

Paragraph 10(1)(d) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* requires the Tribunal to inquire into, and determine, the remuneration and allowances to be paid, and other entitlements to be granted, to the Master of the Supreme Court.

The Tribunal last reviewed remuneration and allowances for the Master of the Supreme Court in November 2002, and issued Statement and Determination Number 112 dated 27 November 2002 following that review.

The Tribunal determined, based on submissions received and the Wage Cost Index of 3.1% for the 12 months to June 2002, to increase the remuneration of the Master of the Supreme Court by 3.1% with effect from 1 November 2002.

The Tribunal had undertaken to examine this matter again when the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal's comprehensive review of judicial remuneration within its jurisdiction was finalised.

Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal Determination

The Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal signed Determination 2002/21 on 25 November 2002 and this determination became operational on 16 May 2003. This Determination granted an increase of 7% with effect from 1 July 2002, and foreshadowed a second increase of 5% from 1 July 2003 and foreshadowed a third increase of 5% from 1 July 2004, the 2003 and 2004 increases to be in addition to any general increases for cost of living.

Submissions

The Chief Justice made a written submission on behalf of the Master of the Supreme Court. The Tribunal considered this submission at its hearing on 20 May 2003 together with a submission from the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Tribunal Consideration

The Tribunal considered whether any additional increase should be granted over and above the initial 3.1% determined with effect from 1 November 2002. The Tribunal was of the view that the Commonwealth Tribunal's commitment to a schedule of substantial increases over and above movements in wage and salary costs has to be recognized, particularly having regard to issues of recruitment and retention and relativities with the federal judiciary.

The Tribunal determined an increase to the salary for the Master of the Supreme Court of 3.9% (of the rate applying as at 31 October 2002) with effect from 1 November 2002. This, together with the 3.1% already determined, represents a total increase of 7%.

The further instalments of 5% foreshadowed by the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal will be considered by the Tribunal as part of its regular judicial remuneration review process conducted towards the end of each year.



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Pursuant to paragraph 10 (1) (d) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* the Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the remuneration and allowances to be paid, and other entitlements to be granted to the Master of the Supreme Court.

Bill Lawrence MBE
Chair

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May 2003

Roberta McRae OAM
Member

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Alan Kerr AM
Member

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Pursuant to paragraph 10(1)(c) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* the Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the remuneration and allowances to be paid to the Master of the Supreme Court and determines as follows: -

1. Determination Number 112 made on 27 November 2002 is revoked.
2. Remuneration at the rate of \$196,880 per annum shall be payable to the Master of the Supreme Court.
3. Travelling Allowance (within Australia)
 - (a) For travel on official business outside Canberra but within Australia the Master of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to \$345 per overnight stay in a capital city or \$175 per overnight stay in other than a capital city.
 - (b) An allowance of \$55 shall be payable where travel involves an absence from home of at least 10 hours, but does not involve an overnight stay.
 - (c) Where the absence specified in sub-paragraph (a) exceeds a multiple of 24 hours by at least 10 hours, an extra \$55 shall be payable in addition to the appropriate overnight stay payments.
 - (d) Where the Government meets the travel cost for the Master's spouse to accompany the Master, the additional cost of double room over single room accommodation shall be added to the appropriate overnight stay payment. Such additional cost shall be assessed at \$10 unless vouched.
 - (e) Where the cost of accommodation is met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$85 only shall be payable per overnight stay.
 - (f) Where the costs of accommodation and a meal per day are met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$70 only shall be payable per overnight stay.
 - (g) Where the costs of accommodation and all meals are met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$55 only shall be payable per overnight stay.

4. Travelling Allowance (overseas)

For travel on official business outside Australia the Master of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to be paid travelling allowance, equipment allowance and other overseas allowances on the same terms and conditions as a person who is an Executive under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

5. This Determination shall take effect from 1 November 2002.