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ACT Remuneration Tribunal

Via email: remtrib@act.gov.au

Dear Ms Lambert

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission on the ACT Remuneration Tribunal's consideration of allowances for the Whips of registered parties, as provided for in the recently amended *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995*.

The ACT Government welcomes the opportunity to provide a supplementary submission for the consideration of the ACT Remuneration Tribunal. Please find the supplementary submission attached.

I would like to express my thanks for the continued work of the ACT Remuneration Tribunal.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA

Chief Minister

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Supplementary Submission to the ACT Remuneration Tribunal 2021 Spring Sitting

December 2021

Background

The ACT Government acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the Government operates.

The ACT Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) advertised the 2021 Spring Sitting in September 2021. This review is looking into the remuneration and allowances to be paid and other entitlements to be granted to:

- ACT Magistrates Court Judicial members;
- ACT Supreme Court Judicial members;
- ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal members;
- the Integrity Commissioner;
- the Chief Executive Officer Integrity Commission;
- the Principal Registrar, Courts and Tribunal;
- the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- part-time Holders of Public Office on boards, tribunals and committees.

This is a supplementary submission to the Spring Sitting to provide a view given recent changes to the *ACT Renumeration Tribunal Act 1995*.

Context

On 25 November 2021, an amendment to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* (Remuneration Tribunal Act) passed the Legislative Assembly.

The Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 2021 amended the Remuneration Tribunal Act to provide for the Tribunal to consider additional remuneration for the whip of a registered party that has at least 4 members who are Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The amendment requires the ACT Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to inquire into, and determine, the remuneration and allowances to be paid, and other entitlements to be granted to a Member of the Legislative Assembly arising from the member holding that particular office.

Matters for the Tribunal to consider

The Government notes that the additional allowance for Government and Opposition Whips are set through Determination 1 of 2021.

The Government is supportive of Whips from third parties being provided an allowance, commensurate with the nature of their additional duties.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a supplementary submission for the 2021 Spring Sitting.