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SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975

# DETERMINATION OF THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL

COURT REGISTRARS

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### DETERMINATION VARIATION ON THE REMUNERATION OF COURT REGISTRARS

### **PREAMBLE**

- 1. The Tribunal has today issued a report under Section 7 of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 ("the Act") to the Minister recommending an adjustment of 3.0 per cent effective from 1 January 2013 in the remuneration to be paid to Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, Masters of the Supreme Court, Magistrates and the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission.
- 2. Under Section 7 of the Act the report is required to be laid before each House of Parliament within five sitting days of the House after its receipt by the Minister. Either House of Parliament, within fifteeen sitting days of that House after a copy of the report has been laid before it, may pass a resolution disapproving a recommendation made by the Tribunal.
- 3. This determination provides for a 3.0 per cent increase to flow through to the positions of Registrar and Deputy Registrar in both the Supreme and District Courts.

# **CURRENT INQUIRY**

- 4. In discharging its statutory requirements with respect to the remuneration of the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Courts, the Tribunal's approach has been to—
  - · advertise for public submissions;
  - write to key office holders; and
  - · consider relevant labour market and economic data.
- 5. This process provides an opportunity for members of the public, the Government, the office holders themselves or any other interested party to make a submission. It also helps to inform the Tribunal of changes which might have taken place in the roles or responsibilities of the office holders over the past year and other remuneration issues.
- 6. The Principal Registrar and the Registrars of the Supreme Court submitted that the Registrars should receive the same percentage salary increase as is allowed to the Judges and Master of the Supreme Court. The submission also recommended that the current vehicle entitlements and travel allowances should continue.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- 7. The Tribunal considered a range of economic data and commentary from peak economic bodies as detailed in the Tribunal's Recommendation Report on the Remuneration of Judges, District Court Judges, Masters of the Supreme Court, Magistrates and the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission.
- 8. In view of the current economic climate and in consideration of the submissions received, the Tribunal has determined to maintain the existing relativities between the Registrars and members of the judiciary by determining a 3.0 per cent increase to the remuneration payable to the Registrars of the Supreme and District Courts.

# **DETERMINATION VARIATION**

- 9. The determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal made on 22 February 2012 under Sections 6(1)(c), (d) and (e) of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 (as varied from time to time) is hereby varied by a further determination, to make amendments set out below.
- 10. Insert and replace, as the case requires, in the Third Schedule the following.

# **COURT REGISTRARS**

Pursuant to section 6(1)(d) of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975, the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determines the remuneration to be paid to the holders of the offices listed below with effect from 1 January 2013.

Office	Salary	
Supreme Court	•	
Principal Registrar	\$318,499	
Registrar	\$282,052	
District Court		
Principal Registrar	\$296,627	
Registrar	\$278,717	
Deputy Registrar	\$270,355	

- 1.1 The remuneration is inclusive of Annual Leave Loading.
- 1.2 The holders of the offices in this Schedule have an entitlement to the provision of a fully maintained leased motor vehicle for private use to the notional value of \$22,650 per annum.
- 1.3 In all other respects, the motor vehicle entitlements set out in Part 3 of the First Schedule of this determination apply to office holders listed in this Schedule.
- 1.4 The entitlement to salary packaging arrangements set out in Part 4 of the First Schedule of this determination apply to office holders listed in this Schedule

Signed at Perth this 23rd day of November 2012.

W. S. COLEMAN AM, Chairman. C. A. BROADBENT, Member. B. J. MOORE, Member.

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal