

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL — DETERMINATION TRANSPARENCY

1078. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the determination of the Salaries and Allowance Tribunal on 30 November 2017, with effect from 1 December 2017, with respect to Members of Parliament, and I ask:

- (a) what actions has the Government taken to ‘widely advertise’ and ‘make known’ the details of the determination to the public;
- (b) does the Premier support the determination of the tribunal; and
- (c) if no to (b), which aspects of the determination does the Premier not support and why?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(c) Yes, the Premier supports the determination as it provided for no increase or change to allowances or remuneration. It is also in line with the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017, which freezes the salaries of Minister’s, members of Parliament and other senior public servants.

As such, the determination is inherently uncontroversial.

This is in stark contrast with the determination of December 1 2016, which created the arrangements for an allowance for vehicles, regardless if the member was also a Minister and therefore already provided with a vehicle.

As the member is well aware, despite the now Oppositions outrage at that determination, when in Government they had exactly two months between the issuing of the determination and the commencement of the caretaker period to do something about it and failed to do so.

However, it should be noted that the Government has made every effort to widely publicise and make known the successful passage of the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017 through various means. Given the determination was in line with the legislation, no further publication was required.