

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975

DETERMINATION VARIATION

PREAMBLE

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, assented to on 18 May 2023, changes the *Local Government Act 1995* to provide for independent committee members to receive meeting fees. An independent committee member is a committee member who is not an elected member or an employee of the local government. The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has issued a Determination to allow for the payment of meeting fees to independent committee members. Local governments will have the ability to set appropriate fees, within a specified range.

DETERMINATION

The Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members Determination No. 1 of 2023, issued on 6 April 2023, under sections 7A and 7B(2) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, as amended from time to time, are hereby varied by a Determination set out below.

- Under Part 1.4 Terms used, insert the following:
 - Independent committee member** means a person who is a committee member but who is neither a council member nor an employee.
- Under Part 6.1.2, insert the following:

"3. Pursuant to section 5.100(2)(b) and (3)(b) of the LG Act, a committee member who is not an elected member or employee of the local government, who attends a committee meeting or (at the request of the local government or regional local government) a meeting of a type prescribed in regulation 30(3A) of the LG Regulations is entitled to be paid the fee set by the local government or regional local government within the range determined in section 6.3 of this Part for attending committee meetings or, as the case requires, meetings of that type.
- Delete Part 6.3 and insert the following:

6.3 Committee Meeting and Prescribed Meeting Attendance Fees – Per Meeting

(1) The ranges of fees in Table 6 apply where a local government or regional local government decides to pay a council member or independent member a fee referred to in –

 - section 5.98(1)(b) of the LG Act for attendance at a committee meeting; or
 - section 5.98(2A)(b) of the LG Act for attendance at a meeting of a type prescribed in regulation 30(3A) of the LG Regulations.
 - section 5.100(2)(a) of the LG Act for attendance at a committee meeting

- section 5.100(2)(b) of the LG Act for attendance at a meeting of a type prescribed in regulation 30(3A) of the LG Regulations.

Table 6: Committee meeting and prescribed meeting fees per meeting – local governments and regional local governments

	Elected members		Independent committee members	
Band	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1	\$325	\$415	\$0	\$415
2	\$195	\$305	\$0	\$305
3	\$100	\$215	\$0	\$215
4	\$50	\$125	\$0	\$125
All regional local governments	\$50	\$125	\$0	\$125

Signed on 23 October 2023.

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