Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal

Annual Report 2019-20

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Message from the Chair

Dear Minister

The year under review is the first full year of the Tribunal's operations (having been established only a matter of weeks before the end of the last financial year). It has also been a very testing year for Victorians firstly with the summer bushfires and then COVID-19 from March this year. These tragic events have formed the backdrop against which the Tribunal has gone about its work and in some respects have shaped it.

The Tribunal has been very mindful of the burden, including loss of income, felt by many Victorians over this time.

However, a wage setting body cannot succeed unless it has the respect (it will never have the love) of the people affected by its decisions. The Tribunal recognises that we are not just producing a set of abstract numbers. What we do has an impact on the livelihood of every parliamentarian and on all of those who work in the senior echelons of the public sector as well as on the broader economy.

Thus, in making its determinations, issuing its guidelines and providing advice on remuneration matters for Members of the Parliament of Victoria and executives of the Victorian public sector, the Tribunal has been concerned to achieve an appropriate balance between prevailing economic conditions and trends, community standards and expectations and the principle of fair and reasonable recompense for work performed. We believe that through robust and independent analysis that balance has been struck and is reflected throughout the Tribunal's work over the course of the year.

In addition to our formal determinations, guidelines and advice, the Tribunal has invested heavily in establishing systems and processes to streamline its operations and encourage participation by those who have an interest in the Tribunal's work. This has included publishing the determinations and associated submissions on the Tribunal's website consistent with the transparency and openness expected of an independent statutory tribunal.

The Tribunal's work has been greatly assisted by the contributions of many through submissions, consultative forums and responses to questionnaires.

Over the coming year we will continue to build a remuneration system for parliamentarians, executives in the public sector and, if asked, elected local government officials which meets both the objectives of the Tribunal's enabling legislation and the trust that has been placed in it by the Parliament and the Government of Victoria.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the exemplary work of the Tribunal's Secretariat in supporting the Tribunal in every aspect of its work.

On behalf of Tribunal members, it is my pleasure to submit this report to you.

Yours sincerely

Warren McCann Chairperson Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal

1 About the Tribunal

The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (Tribunal) was established under the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019* (Vic) (VIRTIPS Act) to:

- support transparent, accountable and evidence-based decision-making in relation to the remuneration of Members of the Parliament of Victoria (MPs) and Victorian public sector executives
- bring Victoria into line with other Australian jurisdictions that already had independent tribunals to review and determine remuneration for MPs and public sector executives.

Since its establishment the Tribunal has also been given responsibility for setting the remuneration of elected officials in local government in Victoria.

The legislative framework for the Tribunal is informed by the principles of independent and impartial decision-making, transparency and fairness.

The VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to inquire into and make determinations in relation to:

- salaries and allowances for MPs
- remuneration bands for executives employed in public service bodies
- remuneration bands for executives employed in prescribed public entities
- allowances provided to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors in local government.

Amongst other functions, the VIRTIPS Act also provides the Tribunal with powers to:

- make guidelines with respect to the use of work-related parliamentary allowances and the Electorate Office and Communications Budget (EO&C Budget) for MPs
- make guidelines with respect to the placement of public sector executives within remuneration bands determined by the Tribunal
- inquire into and determine remuneration packages for a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) employed in a prescribed public entity

• provide advice about proposals to pay executives above the relevant remuneration band set by a determination.

The Tribunal consists of up to three Tribunal members and is supported by a Secretariat that sits within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

1.1 Requirement to produce annual report

Under section 40 of the VIRTIPS Act, the Tribunal is required, as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year but not later than the following 31 October, to submit to the Minister an annual report containing the following in relation to the period of 12 months ending on the preceding 30 June:

- (a) information about the number of determinations made by the Tribunal
- (b) details of any disclosure of an interest recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Tribunal under section 14(4) of the VIRTIPS Act
- (c) a review of the operations of the Tribunal, including the work undertaken by the Tribunal
- (d) the number of MPs who have not complied with requests for further information by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to determinations about separation payments
- (e) the number of appeals heard by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to separation payments and the outcome of the appeals
- (f) the number of MPs who have not complied with requests for further information by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to appeals relating to work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget
- (g) the number of appeals heard by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to appeals relating to work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget and the outcome of the appeals
- (h) a report on the performance of the function of the Compliance Officer in the preceding year
- (i) any other prescribed matter.

These matters are addressed in this report.

1.2 Tribunal members

Under the VIRTIPS Act, a person is eligible to be appointed as a Tribunal member only if they have extensive or specialist knowledge, expertise or experience in one or more of the following fields:

- (a) Government
- (b) community affairs
- (c) economics
- (d) human resource management
- (e) industrial relations
- (f) law
- (g) public administration
- (h) public finance
- (i) public sector ethics
- (j) any other field the Minister considers relevant.

The Tribunal members were appointed on 4 June 2019.



Mr Warren McCann

Chair

Mr Warren McCann is the Chair of the Tribunal. Mr McCann has an extensive public service career, with senior appointments in Victoria, South Australia and at the Commonwealth, including as Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet, and Commissioner for Public Sector Employment in South Australia. Mr McCann is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration. Prior to his commencement as Chair of the Tribunal he served as Special Adviser to the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet's Office of Public Sector Executive Remuneration.



The Honourable Jennifer Acton Member

Ms Jennifer Acton is a Member of the Tribunal. Ms Acton has significant workplace relations experience, including as a former Presidential Member of Australia's national workplace relations tribunal.

She is currently the Chair of the Victorian State Trustees Ltd and the Port of Hastings Development Authority. In addition to being a lawyer and economist, Ms Acton is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Ms Barbara Belcher AM Member

Ms Barbara Belcher is a Member of the Tribunal. Ms Belcher is a former senior Commonwealth public servant, having held various roles in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), including Head of the Government Division responsible for matters related to parliament and public administration. Ms Belcher chaired the Australian Government's Committee for the Review of Parliamentary Entitlements, and conducted an independent review of whole-of-government internal regulation (the Belcher Red Tape Review). Ms Belcher is a former member of the Victorian Public Sector Commission Advisory Board, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration.

2 Review of Operations

2.1 Tribunal meetings

The Tribunal held 22 standard meetings and three special meetings, during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Meetings were held at 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne until 25 March 2020. Meetings were held online via Skype or Microsoft Teams from 26 March 2020 due to coronavirus (COVID-19) impacts.

Minutes were kept for each meeting in accordance with the VIRTIPS Act.

There were two disclosures of an interest recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Tribunal under section 14(4) of the VIRTIPS Act:

- 1. Chair, Warren McCann disclosed an interest in relation to the Determination of remuneration bands for executives employed in public service bodies. Procedures were implemented in accordance with section 14 of the VIRTIPS Act to manage the interest, and actions recorded in the minutes of a subsequent meeting.
- Member, The Honourable Jennifer Acton, disclosed an interest in relation to the Determination of remuneration bands for executives employed in prescribed public entities. Procedures were implemented in accordance with section 14 of the VIRTIPS Act to manage the interest and actions recorded in the minutes of a subsequent meeting.

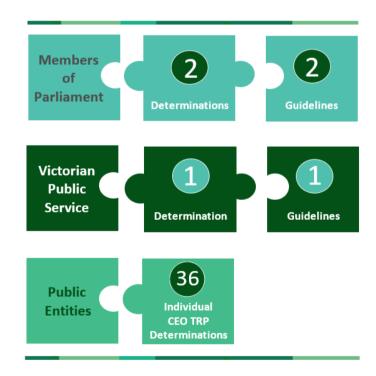
2.2 Work undertaken

In 2019-20, the Tribunal inquired into and determined remuneration arrangements for:

- MPs
- Victorian public service (VPS) executives employed in public service bodies, namely departments, Administrative Offices (AOs) and the Victorian Public Sector Commission (VPSC)
- executives employed in prescribed public entities.

The Tribunal was also given responsibility in March 2020 through the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) for making determinations setting the value of allowances payable to elected local government officials.





Members of Parliament

The Tribunal's work in relation to MPs comprised:

• the first Determination of the values of MP salaries and allowances, and a subsequent Determination of an annual adjustment to these values

- the making of Guidelines governing the use of work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget, the amendment of those Guidelines and the commencement of a comprehensive review of the Guidelines
- commencement of a report and review of superannuation arrangements for MPs.

Determinations of MP salaries and allowances

Section 17 of the VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to comprehensively review and make determinations setting the value of the following salaries and allowances for MPs:

- the basic salary
- additional salaries the supplementary salary provided to specified parliamentary office holders as defined in the VIRTIPS Act (e.g. the Premier)
- work-related parliamentary allowances, including the electorate allowance, expense allowance, travel allowance, parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance, commercial transport allowance, international travel allowance and motor vehicle allowance
- the EO&C Budget.

The VIRTIPS Act also requires that the Tribunal's first Determination of MP salaries and allowances set the value of the 'basic salary portion', which determines the superannuation contributions and benefits of existing and former MPs in the defined benefit schemes provided under Part 3 of the *Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968* (Vic) (PSAS Act).

The Tribunal must make a new Determination within 6 months after the first sitting day of each subsequent Parliament.

Section 24 of the VIRTIPS Act applies to the making of a Determination for MP salaries and allowances. The Tribunal must publish notice of its intention to make a Determination, containing relevant information about the Determination, and give any affected person or a class of affected persons a reasonable opportunity to make submissions.

The Tribunal must also include a statement of reasons in a Determination and consider the following:

- any statement or policy issued by the Government of Victoria which is in force with respect to its wages policy (or equivalent) and the remuneration and allowances of any specified occupational group
- the financial position and fiscal strategy of the State of Victoria

- current and projected economic conditions and trends
- submissions received in relation to the proposed Determination
- any other prescribed matter.

The Tribunal published a notice of its intention to make a Determination on its website in July 2019. The Tribunal also consulted via:

- a call for submissions from interested parties and affected persons
- a questionnaire distributed to current MPs
- an anonymous questionnaire for all interested parties made available through Engage Victoria, the Victorian Government's online consultation platform
- an MP consultative committee, that was broadly representative of the parties and views across the Victorian Parliament, to discuss the roles and responsibilities of MPs and to better understand the remuneration framework applicable to MPs.

In total, the Tribunal received:

- 154 responses to the public questionnaire
- 61 responses to the MP questionnaire, representing around half of current MPs
- 12 individual written submissions (including one confidential submission)
- 391 submissions that were either identical or contained very similar content
- several oral submissions.

On 16 September 2019 the Tribunal made its first Determination of MP salaries and allowances, the *Members of Parliament (Victoria) Determination 01/2019*, which took effect the same day.

Annual adjustment

Section 18 of the VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to make a Determination providing for an annual adjustment to the values set in the current Determination under section 17. The Tribunal made the *Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2020,* which took effect on 1 July 2020.

In the Statement of Reasons accompanying the Determination, the Tribunal noted that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic had significantly impacted current and expected Australian and Victorian financial and economic conditions. The Tribunal determined to leave the value of the basic salary and allowances for MPs unchanged from the rates set in the *Members of Parliament (Victoria) Determination 01/2019*.

Making of Guidelines

Section 36 of the VIRTIPS Act provides that the Tribunal may make guidelines for or with respect to the use of work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget.

The Tribunal made the *Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No. 01/2019* (01/2019 Guidelines) on 16 September 2019 (alongside the first Determination) for the:

- EO&C Budget
- parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance
- travel allowance
- commercial transport allowance
- international travel allowance.

In October 2019, the Tribunal received letters from the Special Minister of State and the Clerks of the Parliament requesting clarifications to the Guidelines. In November 2019, the Tribunal published a Discussion Paper that set out:

- changes the Tribunal was considering making to the 01/2019 Guidelines in relation to the matters on which clarification was sought, and
- the matters where the Tribunal required further information in order to decide whether and how to amend the existing Guidelines.

The Tribunal invited all persons and bodies to provide feedback and additional information relating to the Discussion Paper and to suggest additional changes for the Tribunal's consideration.

Taking into account the broader regulatory framework within which the Guidelines operated and the matters raised in submissions, the Tribunal updated the Guidelines in December 2019.

The *Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No. 02/2019* (02/2019 Guidelines) replaced the 01/2019 Guidelines.

Review of Guidelines

In June 2020, the Tribunal commenced a comprehensive review of its 02/2019 Guidelines, publishing an Issues Paper to guide a call for submissions on matters for consideration.

The Tribunal had indicated its intention to conduct a broad review of the Guidelines in its Statement accompanying the publication of the current 02/2019 Guidelines.

The review is intended to be holistic to ensure the Guidelines are modernised and designed to support the broader compliance framework within which they operate. The Tribunal's intention is to complete the review and make new Guidelines during the 2020-21 financial year.

Review and report on MP superannuation arrangements

Section 39(1) of the VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to review and report on the superannuation arrangements for MPs under Parts 3 and 4 of the PSAS Act, including potential inequalities and irregularities between the arrangements. The Tribunal is required to complete its review and report on its findings by 20 September 2020.

In May 2020, the Tribunal published an Issues Paper. The paper set out the Tribunal's proposed analytical framework for conducting the review, provided an overview of the existing superannuation arrangements (including differences between the superannuation schemes) and sought submissions by 10 July 2020.

VPS executives

The Tribunal's work in relation to VPS executives comprised:

- its first Determination of remuneration bands for executives employed in public service bodies
- making of guidelines about the placement of executives within the bands
- advice on proposals to pay above the bands.

Determination of remuneration bands for VPS executives

Section 21 of the VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to make determinations setting the values of the remuneration bands for executives employed by departments, AOs and the VPSC. The Tribunal is required to publish notice of intention to make a Determination, and to take into account matters including the Victorian Government's wages policy and financial and economic conditions (s24 of the VIRTIPS Act).

In July 2019, the Tribunal published notice of its intention to make a Determination under section 21 and called for submissions. Executives employed in public service bodies were also invited to complete an anonymous questionnaire online. The Tribunal received two written submissions and around 250 responses to the online questionnaire (approximately 25 per cent of all public service executives).

The Tribunal made the *Remuneration bands for executives employed in public service bodies (Victoria) Determination 01/2020,* on 14 May 2020. The Determination set the parameters for an executive's remuneration based on their relevant remuneration

band. Employers retain the power to set an individual executive's remuneration within the relevant band. However, employers proposing to pay an executive above the maximum rate of the relevant band must apply for and consider advice from the Tribunal (s37 of the VIRTIPS Act).

The Tribunal comprehensively reviewed the roles of executives and their existing remuneration framework, as well as relevant policies and financial, fiscal and economic factors. In addition to its legislative requirements, the Tribunal considered:

- the nature of the labour market for VPS executives
- the competitiveness of the existing executive remuneration bands, informed by an independent analysis commissioned by the Tribunal
- the need for the executive remuneration framework to support fair remuneration outcomes and to attract and retain talent in the VPS executive workforce.

The Determination set a new executive remuneration framework consisting of:

- three distinct and contiguous bands for subordinate executives
- three distinct and contiguous bands for AO Heads aligned to the subordinate executive bands
- a single band for the remuneration of Secretaries and the VPSC Commissioner.

The Determination provided for two implementation stages. From 20 September 2019 until 30 June 2020, the values of the remuneration bands for VPS executives were based on the values of the bands and remuneration for these roles as at 1 July 2019 or at the time of the Determination, whichever was the lower. The adjusted remuneration bands took effect from 1 July 2020.

VPS Executive Remuneration Guidelines

In line with section 36(6) of the VIRTIPS Act, the Tribunal issued Guidelines to assist employers in placing public service body heads and other public service executives within the remuneration bands set by the Tribunal's *Remuneration bands for executives employed in public service bodies (Victoria) Determination 01/2020.*

The Guidelines apply to new executive appointments in public service bodies and existing executives in public service bodies where there is a change in the employment contract.

The Guidelines assist public service body employers by identifying three guiding principles which were drawn from matters considered by the Tribunal in making the Determination:

- executive remuneration should be fair and reasonable
- executive remuneration should be competitive
- executive remuneration arrangements should be robust.

The Guidelines also identify specific factors that public service body employers should consider when setting the remuneration of executives within the relevant band, including:

- the work value assessment score for the role under the Victorian Public Sector Commission's Victorian Public Service Classification Framework
- the experience, knowledge and capability of the individual
- the remuneration relativities of other executives within the organisation
- intra-band reporting
- the current remuneration of the individual
- labour market pressures on the position.

Advice on proposals to pay above the bands

In line with section 37 of the VIRTIPS Act, the Tribunal is required to provide advice to employers on proposals to pay an executive above the maximum of the relevant remuneration band set by a Determination.

After the Tribunal made its Determination for public service bodies in May 2020, the Tribunal wrote to relevant employers to advise them of the obligation to request advice for executives paid above the band, and the process for seeking this advice from the Tribunal.

Five out of the 26 public service body employers responded, seeking the Tribunal's advice for a total of 57 executives who were paid above the maximum of the relevant remuneration band as at 22 May 2020.

The Tribunal has also developed and published a formal process going forward for public service body employers to seek its advice for proposals to pay above the relevant remuneration band. As part of this process, the Tribunal has committed to publishing its advice to employers on its website, to support greater transparency in relation to remuneration arrangements.

Public entity executives

The Tribunal's work in relation to public entity executives comprised:

- determinations under section 23 of the VIRTIPS Act in relation to the Victorian Government's Public Entity Executive Remuneration Policy (PEER policy)
- commencement of the process for making a Determination of remuneration bands for executives employed in prescribed public entities.

Determinations under section 23 in relation to the PEER policy

In July 2019, at the request of the Minister under section 23 of the VIRTIPS Act, the Tribunal assumed responsibility for determining the remuneration packages for CEOs in specified public entities in accordance with the PEER policy.

The PEER policy details the Victorian Government's approach to executive remuneration in specified public entities, which among other matters, provides:

- a framework of five guiding principles for setting public entity executive remuneration; and
- the procedure for public entities to make submissions to the Tribunal to determine remuneration arrangements for CEOs.

In the 2019-20 financial year, the Tribunal determined the total remuneration package for 36 CEOs (or equivalent positions) of specified public entities. Of those determinations:

- 20 were for new appointments
- 11 were for reappointments
- 5 were for mid-contract increases.

The largest share of submissions came from public entities in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) portfolio, which has the largest number of entities subject to the PEER policy. Other than the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) portfolio which made no submissions, the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) and Department of Transport (DoT) portfolios had the fewest submissions.

Determination of remuneration bands for executives employed in prescribed public entities

Section 19(1) of the VIRTIPS Act requires the Tribunal to make determinations setting the values of the remuneration bands for executives employed in prescribed public

entities. The consultation and other requirements of section 24 of the VIRTIPS Act also apply to these types of determinations.

The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards (Prescribed Public Entities) Regulations 2019 (Vic) prescribe approximately 140 entities, such as water corporations and TAFEs, employing around 800 executives.

In January 2020, the Tribunal published notice of intention to make a Determination and called for written and oral submissions. Executives were also invited to respond to an anonymous questionnaire through Engage Victoria. Around 40 written and oral submissions were received by the Tribunal and around 170 executives completed the questionnaire. In addition, in June 2020 the Tribunal invited nominated CEOs and Board chairs of public entities to participate in a series of virtual round tables to seek early feedback from entities about remuneration framework options.

This Determination is expected to be made by the end of 2020.

Local government allowances

On 24 March 2020, the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) received Royal Assent. That Act amended the VIRTIPS Act to give the Tribunal responsibility for making determinations setting the value of the allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors. The Tribunal's determinations must also provide for Council allowance categories, which can be specified for a single Council or a group of Councils.

The first Determination will come into effect six months after the Tribunal receives a request from the Minister for Local Government to make the Determination. This request was not received during the 2019-20 financial year.

2.3 Freedom of Information requests

The Tribunal received one Freedom of Information request during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

The Tribunal identified 13 documents, and of these 11 de-identified documents were released and 2 were denied in full.

The request was finalised within the statutory timeframe.

2.4 Finance

Section 45 of the *Financial Management Act 1994* (Vic) requires the Tribunal to prepare a report of operations and financial statements for each financial year.

In accordance with a determination made by the Assistant Treasurer under section 53(1)(b) of the *Financial Management Act 1994* (Vic) the Tribunal's report of operations and financial statements is consolidated with the report of the Department of Premier and Cabinet for the 2019-20 financial year.

3 Compliance Officer

3.1 Establishment of the office of the Compliance Officer

The Primary and Secondary Compliance Officer were appointed during the 2019-20 financial year to perform the function of Compliance Officer established under the VIRTIPS Act. The Compliance Officer is 'attached' to the Tribunal but does not formally constitute part of the Tribunal.

The Compliance Officer is responsible for independently hearing and determining appeals from current and former MPs in relation to the use of parliamentary allowances, the EO&C Budget and the separation payment. MPs may appeal a decision made by a Clerk of the Parliament, or by the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, to reject a claim for a parliamentary allowance or regarding their entitlement to receive the separation payment.

The Compliance Officer:

- is not subject to the direction or control of any person
- is not bound by the rules of evidence
- may conduct proceedings with as little formality as considered appropriate
- may publish a statement of findings and any required actions on the Tribunal's website, which is absolutely privileged.

The Compliance Officer's functions and powers are detailed in the VIRTIPS Act and the PSAS Act.

The Compliance Officer is supported by a Secretariat that sits within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

3.2 Compliance Officers

The Compliance Officer's functions are performed by a Primary Compliance Officer, or if they are unable to hear an appeal, by the Secondary Compliance Officer.

Under the VIRTIPS Act, Compliance Officers are required to be qualified for appointment as either a judge or have specialist knowledge, expertise or experience in areas such as government, law or public administration.



Stefanie Wilkinson is the Primary Compliance Officer and was appointed on 8 October 2019 for a term of five years.

Ms Wilkinson has significant experience in legal practice, specialising in corporate governance and market integrity. She is a partner at the law firm Herbert Smith Freehills and an independent member of the Audit Committee of the Parliament of Victoria. Ms Wilkinson is also a fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia.



Jane Brockington is the Secondary Compliance Officer and was appointed on 10 June 2020 for a term of five years.

Ms Brockington has more than 20 years' experience in public administration working with boards, governance bodies and executive teams. She is Principal of the consultancy Bridging Policy and Practice and has led independent reviews for government. Ms Brockington holds several non-executive director positions and is a fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria), and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government and Leadership Victoria.

3.3 Report on the function of the Compliance Officer

In the 2019-20 financial year, the Compliance Officer heard and determined one appeal, being the first appeal made by an MP, and published a Statement of Findings in relation to that appeal.

The appeal concerned a claim under the EO&C Budget that was rejected for improper use of a political party name and official parliamentary office title in communication materials. The Compliance Officer dismissed the appeal from the MP.

The Compliance Officer considered that MPs would be assisted by having access to the decision and reasons for this appeal and published a Statement of Findings on the Tribunal's website.

In the Statement of Findings, the Compliance Officer recommended that the Tribunal consider amending its 02/2019 Guidelines to clarify the meaning of the terms "party political" and "party name". This recommendation was supported with a submission by the Compliance Officer to the Tribunal's current review of the 02/2019 Guidelines, and was noted by the Tribunal as an issue of concern for consideration in its review.

3.4 Summary information about appeals heard by the Compliance Officer

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Number of MPs who have not complied with requests for further information by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to determinations about separation payments.	0	N/A
Number of appeals heard by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to separation payments and the outcome of the appeals.	0	N/A
Number of MPs who have not complied with requests for further information by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to appeals relating to work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget.	0	N/A
Number of appeals heard by the Compliance Officer in the preceding year in relation to appeals relating to work-related parliamentary allowances and the EO&C Budget and the outcome of the appeals.	1	1 dismissed