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Dear Ms Belcher

_Invitation to Provide a Submission to the Parliamentary Entitlements Review Committee_

I refer to your letter of 8 October 2009 in relation to the above matter.

The President of the South Australian Remuneration Tribunal ("the Tribunal") has asked me to provide the following information in relation to Parliamentary entitlements for South Australian Members of Parliament for the Committee's consideration.

Whilst it is understood that the current review is relevant to the Federal Parliament only, it is the Tribunal's view that there are similarities between issues at the federal and state levels. It is upon that basis that the Tribunal provides the following information.

The Tribunal has jurisdiction and makes determinations in relation to parliamentary allowances on the following matters:
- Travelling and Accommodation Allowances for Ministers of the Crown and the Leader of the Opposition;
- Accommodation Allowances for Country Members;
- Electorate Allowances for Members of Parliament;
- Expense Allowances for Ministers of the Crown; and
- Expense Allowances for Officers of Parliament.

In addition to these allowances, Members of the South Australian Parliament also receive a 'Global Allowance', which is provided for the 'day to day operations' of individual Members' electoral offices. At present, the Treasurer is the Minister responsible for the administration of the Global Allowance, while the dollar amount payable is determined by state Cabinet. There are, at present, no publicly available documents which articulate what 'day to day' operations of electoral offices encompass, although it is understood that relevant guidelines are prepared and used internally by the South Australian Department of Treasury and Finance.
I trust that this information is of assistance. Should you wish to discuss the content of this letter further please contact me on [redacted] via email at [redacted] or telephone on [redacted].

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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Secretary
Remuneration Tribunal