

# **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

## **Question Taken on Notice**

**Date:** 12 June 2019

**Subject:** Letter from Remuneration Tribunal regarding Wage Freeze

**From:** Mr Gary Higgins MLA

**To:** Chief Minister

**Agency:** Department of the Chief Minister

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**Number:** 3.5

**Question:** Can the Chief Minister please provide a copy to the committee of the letter he received from the Remuneration Tribunal in response to his request for a wage freeze.

**Answer:** The letter is attached.

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**REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

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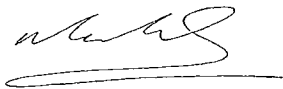
Dear Chief Minister

Thank You for your recent correspondence regarding a salary freeze for NT Members  
in accordance with Budget repair issues and fiscal restraint

I can advise you that in the light of the budget repair strategy the Tribunal  
will look favourably to not increasing the basic salary of Members during its 2019 Inquiry

This will mean that there will not be an increase in Members' salary until  
at least 2021 when the Tribunal will take into account budgeting issues at that time

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Martin', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

**Michael Martin OAM**

**Chair NT Remuneration Tribunal**

**14 April 2019**



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Dear Mr Martin

I write to you in relation to the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal 2019 Inquiry into the salary and other entitlements of Assembly Members.

The Northern Territory Government is finalising the 2019 budget and the accompanying budget repair strategy. There will be a range of reforms and savings implemented across Government services as part of this process.

Labor caucus MLAs support a salary freeze for three years as a demonstration of our commitment to budget repair and fiscal restraint. I seek that the Tribunal consider this request as part of its 2019 deliberations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL GUNNER

14 April 2019