

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Alcohol Policy:

**Liquor Commission Operation Costs**

1. Please provide figures on the operational costs for the Liquor Commission for the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20.

- 2018/19 total Commission expenses were \$438 423
- 2019/20 total Commission expenses were \$459 507

2. Please include a breakdown of these expenses including:

i. The wages paid to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Health Members and Members of the Board;

Licensing NT does not have access to payroll records. Financial records however record:

- 2018/19 sitting fees and employee expenses for all members of the board were \$386 092
- 2019/20 sitting fees and employee expenses for all members of the board were \$345 385

The Commission is a Class B1, Quasi Judicial Body – Senior Appeals/Important Government Process with daily rates of \$959 for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and \$719 for Members.

Sitting fees are paid in accordance with the *Statutory Bodies Classification Structure 2012*.

ii. The administration costs for running and maintaining the Commission;

The Commission is supported by 2 FTEs:

- 2018/19 expenses were \$246 346
- 2019/20 expenses were \$283 185

iii. The administration costs for hearing days and related expenses;

Administration costs are interpreted as costs relating to the engagement of legal counsel, any expert witness costs and costs for venue hire (if applicable), equipment hire, transcripts, recording and catering.

- 2018/19 expenses were \$6 369
- 2019/20 expenses were \$69 609

iv. The administration costs for preparing reports and hearing decisions;

These costs are not separately held and are included in those reported under sitting fees (see 2 (i)).

v. Travel costs incurred by the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Members;

- 2018/2019 Commission expenses were \$7 230
- 2019/2020 Commission expenses were \$11 497

vi. Any other related expenses.

Other expenses include office requisites and stationery, corporate travel provider fees, equipment hire charges, newspaper advertising, credit card surcharge, consumables, instrument charges, desktop and other licensing charges.

- 2018/2019 Commission expenses were \$38 732
- 2019/2020 Commission expenses were \$33 016