



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 106

WRITTEN QUESTION

K McNamara to the Chief Minister, Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA:

Allowances for the Crossbench Members

During the Estimates process the Speaker informed the Committee that the Chief Minister and Cabinet have oversight of the Remuneration Tribunal and ultimately the staffing allowances for the Crossbench. The four MLA's who do not belong to one of the major parties, have 1.4 FTE staff.

1. What is the rationale or the metric for determining the staffing of the Crossbench MLAs?
2. How much weight do the recommendations of the Remuneration Tribunal have with regards to determining the staffing and allowances of MLAs?
3. Could you please provide a dollar figure for how much the government and opposition get in terms of staffing and resourcing exclusive of the 1.4 FTE for electorate officers?

Answer to questions 1-3: Pursuant to the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the Remuneration Tribunal reviewed and last determined entitlements to Members of the Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2023 which took effect from 1 January 2024.

The powers of the Remuneration Tribunal, in respect of determining entitlements for Assembly Members, are set out in sections 3(A), 4, 4AA, 4AB and 4A of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* and Regulation 3.