

Submission Into Salaries & Allowances of Members of the Tasmanian Parliament

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1. Members remuneration should continue to be reviewed annually.
2. Current income levels could reasonable be considered as satisfactory.
3. Members salaries should be linked to increases granted by The fair Work Australia to the minimum wage.

Reason: From the information available parliamentary salaries while fluctuating a little to be trending up in relation to the minimum wage.

In 1997 it was 373% (rounded) above the minimum

2010	376%	"	"	"	"
2017	389%	"	"	"	"

This making a 17% increase above relevant standards.

4. Resettlement Allowance: Few who find themselves unemployed for whatever reason are entitled to gratuitous payments on termination of employment. Persons employed in the private sector may leave with some holiday pay, and are not entitled to claim social security, as I understand it, until any wage entitlements are used up, effectively meaning a zero payment. As parliamentary wages substantially exceed that of most members of the public, it is not an unreasonable expectancy that the said member should make provision for themselves during the tenure of that employment. Members should not consider themselves above the realities faced by the general public. Ex members are entitled to claim social security just like anybody else. Any support for this proposal by the public service union will ultimately be used to effect a flow on to workers in the public sector. Sauce of the goose is sauce of the gander. In times of financial constraint such things should not be granted.


