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Subject: RE: Pay query [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi again ^{s 22}

Please see below response cleared by Katy Lin, A/g First Assistant Secretary, Government Division:

On background, the Remuneration Tribunal is an independent statutory body.

Further information is available in the Remuneration Tribunal's report:

<https://www.remtribunal.gov.au/document-library-search/report-ministerial-salaries-salary-additional-parliamentary-base-salary-july-2026>

We understand ^{s 22} is across the briefing for this one, but the date of effect is still to be determined.

Cheers

^{s 22}

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Hi ^{s 22}

Confirming we're on this now.

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Hello PMC,

Is this one you could help with drafting a response to?

Imagine it's along the lines of -

On background: The Remuneration Tribunal is an independent statutory authority. The decision will take effect XYZ etc

Thank you

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From: s 11C(1)(a)
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Hello,

Just writing a story tomorrow about the Remuneration Tribunal's decision announced last week that for the first time a minister acting as PM will now be paid the same wage loading as the PM - 160 per cent of base salary. (Deputy PM already had this but minister did not).

I have asked some questions to the tribunal, but just wondering if this was something the executive asked for?

Whether its welcome?

if its being implemented immediately? (Will Senator Wong be paid at the rate).

If the government welcomed the decision?

If I could get some kind of response by 430pm that would be great.,

Many thanks

s 11C(1)(a)

