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Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Bill 2009

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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION
AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS) AMENDMENT ACT 2009

Act No. [] of 2009

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An Act to amend the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers
(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act*

[Assented to [] 2009]
[Second reading [] 2009]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Act 2009*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*.

4 Amendment of section 2 (Definitions)

(1) Section 2

omit

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears –

substitute

In this Act:

- (2) Section 2, definition **entitlement**

omit, substitute

entitlement includes a salary, an allowance and any other remuneration or benefit (including, for example, a reimbursement of expenses incurred, and the provision of goods, services, facilities and any other assistance).

5 Amendment of section 4 (Other entitlements)

- (1) Section 4, heading

omit, substitute

4 Tribunal's powers

- (2) After section 4(1)

insert

- (1A) In addition, the Tribunal must, on the Administrator's request, inquire into, or inquire into and determine, an entitlement for a former Assembly member who retires involuntarily as prescribed by regulation.
- (1B) Without limiting subsection (1), the Tribunal may, under the request, inquire into, or inquire into and determine, an additional salary of office and other entitlements, including, for example, the following:
- (a) an entitlement for establishing or maintaining offices for an Assembly member, including:
 - (i) the provision of staff and equipment for the offices; and
 - (ii) the payment or reimbursement of amounts to cover expenses incurred in relation to the offices;
 - (b) an entitlement for official travel undertaken by:
 - (i) an Assembly member; and
 - (ii) a person who, under a determination, may accompany an Assembly member for the travel;
 - (c) the provision of a motor vehicle to an Assembly member;

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- (d) an entitlement relating to child care services required because of the performance of official functions by an Assembly member.
- (1C) However, the Tribunal does not have power to inquire into, or inquire into and determine, an entitlement for a matter prescribed by regulation.

6 Repeal and substitution of section 24 (Regulations)

Section 24

repeal, substitute

24 Regulations

The Administrator may make regulations under this Act.

7 New Part 6

After section 29

insert

Part 6 Transitional matters for Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Act 2009

30 Administrative arrangements continue

- (1) An existing administrative arrangement for an entitlement of an Assembly member continues to have effect until a determination under section 4 for the entitlement takes effect.

- (2) In this section:

existing administrative arrangement, for an entitlement of an Assembly member, means the administrative arrangement relating to the entitlement:

- (a) made by the Chief Minister, and tabled in the Legislative Assembly, on 21 February 2007; or
- (b) made by the Chief Minister, and tabled in the Legislative Assembly, on 29 November 2007.