

## FOI DISCLOSURE LOG

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The Tribunal's FOI disclosure log, shown in reverse chronological order:

2020	
Reference Number	1/2020
Date of Access	12 March 2020
FOI Request	The applicant requested documents dated between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019 relating to remuneration for the Executive members of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	Four documents were found to be within the scope of the request. These documents were released with partial exemptions.
Other Information	
2019	
Reference Number	1/2019
Date of Access	N/A
FOI Request	The applicant requested documents dated between 1 January 1980 and 10 October 2019 relating to the costing of the daily travel allowance for Members of Parliament travelling within 30km of Parliament House, Canberra, documents relating to any adjustment and right to this allowance in relation to poverty, and documents relating to the adjustment and justification of this allowance in relation to social security payments such as Newstart.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was directed to publicly available information relevant to the request, noting that the work involved in processing the request, for almost 40 years' worth of documents, would substantially divert the resources of the Secretariat from its operations.
Other Information	FOI withdrawn
2018	
Reference Number	4/2018
Date of Access	21 January 2019
FOI Request	The applicant requested all documents dated between 1 January 2006 and 31 August 2006 relating to remuneration for the managing director of Tourism Australia including but not limited to documents relating to a payment at the termination of employment.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	Twelve documents were identified to be within the scope of the request: seven documents were fully exempt; four documents were released in full; and one document was released with a partial exemption.
Other Information	
Reference Number	3/2018
Date of Access	Access refused under section 24A of the FOI Act
FOI Request	The applicant sought copies of any submissions made by Ms Helen Szuty, to the Remuneration Tribunal in respect to their 1993 review, which

	resulted in an article in the Canberra Times on Wednesday 6 October 1993.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	No documents could be found as they are no longer held by the agency or do not exist.
Other Information	Any documents that within the scope of the request are no longer held by the Tribunal, and instead are a publicly available resource, held by the National Archives of Australia.
Reference Number	2/2018
Date of Access	16 April 2018
FOI Request	The applicant requested documents written by Members of Parliament or Ministers of the Crown in the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 seeking higher remuneration for offices and individual office holders based at least in part on private sector remuneration.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	Eight documents were released in part.
Other Information	

Reference Number	1/2018
Date of Access	No access
FOI Request	The applicant requested submissions written by Members of Parliament or Ministers of the Crown seeking higher remuneration for offices and individual office holders based at least in part on private sector remuneration.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	No documents exist that were relevant to this request.
Other Information	FOI request withdrawn
<b>2017</b>	
Reference Number	1/17
Date of Access	No access
FOI Request	The applicant sought the submissions to the Remuneration Tribunal's 2016 decisions regarding federal parliamentary salaries and allowances.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	No documents exist that were relevant to this request.
Other Information	
<b>2016</b>	
Reference Number	2/16
Date of Access	29 November 2016
FOI Request	The applicant sought the submissions as listed in the Tribunals Interim October statement on the Judicial and Related Offices review.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	Submissions sought by the applicant are available on the Remuneration Tribunal <a href="#">Website</a> .
Other Information	
Reference Number	1/16
Date of Access	No access
FOI Request	The applicant sought documents containing information about: any analysis and/or review and/or report and/or advice produced in the last 2 years relating to forecast and/or possible trends in relation to increased expenditure on politician's salaries and/or expenses and/or superannuation in the future including over the next 20 years.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	No documents exist that were relevant to this request.
Other Information	

2015	
Reference Number	1/15
Date of Access	7 August 2015
FOI Request	The applicant sought copies of any queries, emails and so on from politicians and any correspondence from politicians to the Tribunal from October 2013 to 11 June 2015.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	38 documents were identified in the Tribunal's records and released with minor redactions relating to personal information.
Other Information	
2013	
Reference Number	2/13
Date of Access	14 November 2013
FOI Request	The applicant sought copies of any queries, letters, emails and so on from politicians and any responses or correspondence from the Tribunal to politicians from 1 October 2011 to 1 October 2013.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	17 documents were identified in the Tribunal's records and released with minor redactions relating to personal information.
Other Information	
Reference Number	1/13
Date of Access	9 September 2013
FOI Request	The applicant sought documents that contained the following information: submissions or other correspondence, requests or reports pertaining to the 2013 Annual Review of Remuneration for Public Office Holders.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was advised that Tribunal annual reviews are internally driven and that no submissions were received. Most of the documents used were publicly available (e.g. Reserve Bank minutes); a sample of a brief to the Tribunal summarising the publicly available information and two items of correspondence were released.
Other Information	

**2012**

Reference Number	3/12
Date of Access	No access
FOI Request	The applicant sought copies of submissions (if any) made by Fair Work Australia tribunal members to the Tribunal seeking to change their entitlements, for the period of 1 July 2009 to 26 June 2012. This request was part-transferred to the Tribunal from Fair Work Australia.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	No relevant documents found.
Other Information	
Reference Number	2/12
Date of Access	20 July 2012
FOI Request	The applicant sought all documentation relating to the Tribunal's reviews of the offices of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, that were conducted in 2005 (with findings published in 2006) and again in 2011. The information required included, but was not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The reviews conducted by the Tribunal and any parties commissioned by the Tribunal that include consideration of the current circumstances of each of the named agencies and background to remuneration arrangements.</li> <li>(2) Any submissions made by the agencies or any other parties.</li> <li>(3) Meeting notes or other documents relating to any interviews conducted with officeholders, Ministers or any other relevant parties.</li> <li>(4) Any documentation for each review that pertained to compensation for loss of office.</li> </ol>
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was provided with 29 documents released in full and 23 documents that were part redacted. The redactions primarily related to what the decision maker decided would be the unreasonable release of personal information, or sections of documents containing material outside the scope of the FOI request.
Other Information	
Reference Number	1/12
Date of Access	No FOI access
FOI Request	The applicant sought access to the consultancy report supplied by Egan Associates P/L entitled the 'Assessment of Work by Parliamentarians'.

Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was directed to where to find the document, which by the time the request was finalised had become publicly available. <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/24876/Parliamentary-Report-by-J-Egan.pdf">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/24876/Parliamentary-Report-by-J-Egan.pdf</a>
Other Information	

**2011**

Reference Number	2/11
Date of Access	No FOI access
FOI Request	The applicant sought access to the consultancy report supplied by Egan Associates P/L entitled the 'Assessment of Work by Parliamentarians'.
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was directed to where to find the document, which by the time the request was finalised had become publicly available. <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/24876/Parliamentary-Report-by-J-Egan.pdf">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/24876/Parliamentary-Report-by-J-Egan.pdf</a>
Other Information	
Reference Number	1/11
Date of Access	1 December 2011
FOI Request	Applicant requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Documents relating to the Tribunal's current review of parliamentary remuneration, including the "assessment of the work of federal parliamentary backbenchers" by a consultant referred to in the statement by the Tribunal issued on this matter on 20 September 2011. Also, any costs incurred by the Tribunal in payment for this assessment by a consultant.</li> <li>(2) Documents relating to a future benchmark for parliamentary remuneration.</li> <li>(3) Submissions by MPs to the Tribunal regarding these deliberations covering the period May 2011 to 11 October 2011.</li> <li>(4) Letters and correspondence from the Special Minister of State (SMOS) to the Tribunal regarding these matters. Correspondence from the Tribunal to the SMOS with regards to these matters.</li> </ul>
Information Published in the Disclosure Log	The applicant was provided with 25 documents relating to part (1) of the request, no documents were identified in relation to part (2), three documents were released in relation to part (3) and three documents in relation to part (4). The applicant was not denied access to any documents.
Other Information	