Chief Minister Clare Martin last night tabled the annual Remuneration Tribunal report and determination for members’ allowances and entitlements.

The Tribunal’s determination recommends no substantial changes to members’ entitlements and allowances.

"The Government is pleased to see the Tribunal has continued to exercise financial constraint, particularly while we are still working to return the Territory’s budget back into balance," Ms Martin said.

The Tribunal determination makes some structural changes to how the determination is presented to make it clearer and more logical in application, particularly in relation to travel arrangements.

"Tribunal Chairman, Otto Alder, has continued his recent practice of clarifying uncertainties and removing anomalies in previous determinations," Mrs Martin said.

"One of the changes included in the determination increases the Opposition’s flexibility how it uses intra – Territory travelling entitlements in the discharge of Shadow Minister responsibilities."

The Tribunal has determined shadow ministers’ travelling allowances nights, and the number of trips can be pooled and used collectively. This arrangement will not increase the cost to taxpayers.

The Tribunal notes that there had not been a substantial increase in office holders remuneration and electorate allowances for some time and that their real value is declining.

The report recommends an increase equivalent to the Darwin CPI of 1.8 per cent apply to office holder salaries and electorate allowances of Territory politicians.

The determination covers the full range of entitlements and allowances for Members including changes to the communication packages available to members including mobile phones and Internet access.