Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, has welcomed the government’s decision to increase juror’s fees later this year from $90 per day when empanelled to $120 per day. This will apply to trials of 10 days or more.

Gerry says that while this is a good move it still means that persons summoned for jury duty will still be only paid $40 per day for attendance and for jurors empanelled for trials of less than 10 days $90 per day.

Gerry believes if the government is serious about people giving service as jurors, and employers not being financially disadvantaged, then all jurors whether in attendance or empanelled, and regardless of the length of the trial should be paid the same rate i.e. $120 per day.