

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in response to matters raised in respect to my term as a part-time member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

I wish to make clear the following matters:

1. When I was appointed as a member of the AAT, I made it clear that I ran my own criminal law practice and that this consumed most of my time, however I would make myself available to sit when required.
2. I recall sitting on approximately four or five matters, either with another member or on my own. I was not paid for these sittings as I found the Registry quite disorganised and could not be bothered chasing payment.
3. For the years that it has been suggested that I was paid for doing no work, having checked my bank records I can find no payment for one year and a payment of just over \$50 for another year. I have no idea what that payment relates to.
4. For much of the period I was a member of the AAT, I was also the Chairperson of the Liquor Commission of Western Australia. I was able to preside on matters for this tribunal as the Executive Officer would take into account my availability when listing matters. I found that the AAT Registry would not take into account my availability and therefore I was unable to sit as frequently as I would have liked.

I do not appreciate the assertion that I have been paid for work that I did not do. To the contrary, my recollection is that I was not paid for work that I did do.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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