

Tasmanian AFL Licence Taskforce

The Tasmanian AFL Licence Taskforce was established in 2019. Taskforce members were entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred during the delivery of related work and received no further remuneration for their work.

Total expenses paid to Taskforce members:

2019-20	\$8,706
2020-21	\$0
2021-22	\$4,560
2022-23	\$2,640

Alastair Clarkson was appointed as a consultant to the Taskforce in November 2021 to provide real time and formal advice. Mr Clarkson was paid a contracted amount of \$100,000 and an additional \$4,990 has been paid in reimbursement of expenses incurred in his work.

Stadiums Tasmania

Following passage of the *Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022*, Stadiums Tasmania was established as a statutory authority in 2022 to own, manage, develop and promote the use of Tasmania's major public stadiums.

Its role is distinct from the Tasmanian Government's AFL Taskforce, and the authority has not been involved in the development of the AFL agreement.

The authority's role in Tasmania began with the appointment of its Chair and Board members in November 2022 and December 2022 respectively, and the authority had its first meeting in February 2023. The expenses associated with Stadiums Tasmania before November 2022 relate to work completed by the Department of State Growth to draft the *Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022*, and to better understand the profiles of the five existing stadiums expected to transfer to the authority in the next two years.

The five stadiums are the Tasmanian Government owned MyState Bank Arena and the Silverdome and, subject to negotiation, Blundstone Arena, Dial Park and the University of Tasmania (UTAS) Stadium.

Further information on Stadiums Tasmania and its Board is available at www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au

1. Full disclosure of all costs attached to Stadiums Tasmania

The State Budget in 2021-22 and 2022-23 included the following appropriations to establish Stadiums Tasmania. The Department of State Growth has drawn on these funds to develop the *Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022* and establish the authority. The authority only assumed responsibility for covering its own costs and expenses from State Growth on 1 July 2023.

Financial Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
2021-22 Budget	\$1.5 m	\$3.0 m	\$5.0 m	\$5.0 m
2022-23 Budget (additional)	-	\$0.5 m	\$1.0 m	-
TOTAL	\$1.5 m	\$3.5 m	\$6.0 m	\$5.0 m

State Growth has spent \$1,506,337 of these funds over 2021-22 and 2022-23 to implement this initiative to date.

2. The remuneration packages of all staff of Stadiums Tasmania and directors, and project remuneration package for the CEO

Stadiums Tasmania is yet to employ a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and any permanent employees.

The authority recruited its first three temporary employees in late June 2023 for a period of six months. The combined salary and related on-costs of the Project Coordinator, Executive Officer and Executive Assistant for this period is \$240,000.

The annual remuneration package endorsed by the Tasmanian Government for the Chair of the Board of Stadiums Tasmania is \$70,000 per annum and \$30,000 per annum for a member. Committee chairs are also eligible to be paid \$5,000 per annum in remuneration and committee members \$2,000 per annum.

Members of the Board and committees are also eligible to be reimbursed reasonable expenses.

A public recruitment process for its inaugural CEO commenced on 24 June 2023, with advertisements in Tasmania’s three daily papers and via LinkedIn. The CEO’s remuneration has not yet been confirmed and will be set by the Board and is subject to negotiation with the preferred appointee, with the endorsement of the Minister for Hospitality and Events.

3. The projected costs of maintaining this entity (including office running costs)

The Board of Stadiums Tasmania established an interim head office in serviced offices in Hobart on 26 June 2023. The monthly cost of leasing this office space is \$1,650 per month. The Board is yet to finalise projected ongoing costs in the absence of its CEO, a full complement of staff or a permanent space for its head office.

4. Public funds available at Stadiums Tasmania’s disposal

As noted, above, the following appropriation has been made to Stadiums Tasmania:

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