

WPQ 13821 (2026) table: fee increases that have been proposed or approved since 27 November 2023 for any chair, deputy chair, member, presiding member, or other appointed role on any Crown entity board, committee, authority, tribunal, or other statutory body within the Social Development and Employment portfolio

Question part	Response
(a) Name of the entity and the specific role	a. New Zealand Artificial Limb Service (NZALS) – Chair and members b. South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board (SASWB) – Independent Chair
(b) Fee immediately prior to the increase and the date that fee was last set	a. NZALS: a. NZALS Chair – \$25,200 per annum (set in 2012) b. NZALS members – \$9,500 per annum (set in 2006) b. SASWB Independent Chair – \$39,222.90 per annum (set in 2023)
(c) New approved fee and the effective date of the increase	a. NZALS: a. NZALS Chair – \$45,400 (with effect from 1 July 2025) b. NZALS members – \$16,900 (with effect from 1 July 2025) b. SASWB Independent Chair - \$47,100 (with effect from 1 July 2026)
(a) Percentage increase	a. NZALS: a. NZALS Chair – 80% b. NZALS members – 78% b. SASWB Independent Chair – 20%
(b) Who approved the increase	The Minister for Social Development and Employment approved all increases.
(c) Whether the increase was made pursuant to the Cabinet Fees Framework changes of July 2025 or on another basis	All increases were pursuant to the 2025 Cabinet Fees Framework

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(d) Primary justification recorded for the increase	a. For the NZALS Chair and members: The size, scale and complexity of the NZALS operations, the board's level of responsibility, supporting recruitment and retention of talent, and the long period of time since the fees were last adjusted. b. For the SASWB Independent Chair: Alignment with the 2025 Cabinet Fees Framework classification for the SASWB's functions, reflecting the Chair's workload and level of responsibility.
(e) Whether the proposed increase was approved, declined, or scaled back, and if declined or scaled back, the reasons recorded for that decision	a. The NZALS increases were approved as one of four options provided for consideration. b. The SASWB increase was approved as one of three options provided for consideration.
(f) Whether any part of the increase was applied backdated and if so to what date	The new NZALS fees were approved on 17 September 2025, with the increase backdated to 1 July 2025.
(g) Total annual cost to the Crown of all increases approved within their portfolio	Increase of \$65,077.10 per annum, for the approved new fees for the NZALS and SASWB.
(h) Whether each review was initiated by the responsible minister, the entity itself, or the Public Service Commission	Both reviews were initiated by the responsible Minister following advice provided by the Ministry of Social Development.