

The United Kingdom Council on Tribunals' Report 'Model Rules of Procedure for Tribunals' was published in March 1991. The Council is concerned with Tribunal performance, among other matters, and has produced this report as part of its continuing attempt to standardise just and fair rules of procedures for the large number and diversity of administrative tribunals operating in the United Kingdom. The report is designed to provide a comprehensive collection of model procedural rules for use by government departments and by tribunals engaged in drafting or amending tribunal rules. The report considers

- rules aimed primarily at applicants or appellants
- rules to ensure that tribunals provide guidance
- rules which provide tribunals with all necessary powers, and

- general considerations.

The report annexes a set of model tribunal rules assuming the following elements to be essential:

Tribunals should

- have sufficient power to establish the facts
- be able to adapt their procedure to each case
- be able to decide each case expeditiously and efficiently, and
- be able to correct mistakes.

Applicants who come to tribunals should

- be aware of their rights and how the proceedings will develop
- have a simple means of invoking the tribunal
- have a full opportunity to put their own cases and know their opponent's case
- have fears and ignorance concerning the procedures of the tribunal dispelled, and
- have a right to receive reasons for decisions.

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Appointments

Mr Iain Ross (pictured above) has been appointed to the Council. He was recently appointed Assistant Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). He has been employed by the ACTU since 1986 and has had important industrial and policy responsibilities. He was previously a legal officer with the ACTU and prior to that had held positions with a number of industrial organisations. Mr Ross was appointed because of his extensive experience in industrial relations.

Mr David (Sandy) Hollway, a Deputy

Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has also been appointed to the Council. He recently completed a two year period as Principal Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office. Prior to that he had worked in the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Prime Minister and Cabinet, holding senior positions both in Canberra and at overseas posts. Mr Hollway was appointed because of his extensive experience at a high level in public administration.

Mr Stuart Hamilton, Secretary to the Department of Community Services and Health was recently reappointed to the Council for a term of three years.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Appointments

There have been three new appointments to the AAT in New South Wales.

- Ms Margaret Teresa Lewis as a Senior Member of the AAT. She is the first non-lawyer to be appointed as a senior member and has been a part time member of the Tribunal since 1986.
- Mr Trevor William Haines, as a part time member. He was previously Secretary to the New South Wales Attorney-General's department.
- Ms Patricia Audrey Moore as a part time member. She is a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and a part time member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

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