



Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2005

Pursuant to section 16 of the Civil List Act 1979 and to the Remuneration Authority Act 1977, the Remuneration Authority makes the following determination (to which is appended an Explanatory memorandum).

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Determination

- Title**
This determination is the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2005.
- Commencement**
This determination is deemed to have come into force on 1 July 2005.
- Expiry**
This determination expires on 30 June 2006.

4 Interpretation

In this determination,—

party means a parliamentary political party whose members in the House include at least 1 member elected as a constituency or list candidate for that party.

5 Salaries

- (1) The salaries payable under section 16 of the Civil List Act 1979 are those set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) No member of Parliament may, at any 1 time, be paid, under any of the provisions of Schedule 1, more than 1 salary and, if a member holds 2 or more positions, the salary payable to that member is that payable for the position for which the highest salary is payable.

6 Allowances

- (1) The allowances payable under section 16 of the Civil List Act 1979 are those set out in Schedule 2.
- (2) The allowances are paid to the recipient for the purpose of reimbursing the recipient for expenses that arise from that recipient's official and parliamentary duties, and which are not otherwise covered by the determinations made under section 20A of the Civil List Act 1979.

7 Revocation

The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2004 (SR 2004/361) is revoked.

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Schedule 1 Salaries payable under section 16 of Civil List Act 1979

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2005 \$
<i>Members of the Executive</i>	
Prime Minister	347,000
Deputy Prime Minister	245,000

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2005 \$
Each member of the Executive Council who is a Minister of the Crown holding 1 or more portfolios and who is a member of Cabinet	216,000
Each member of the Executive Council who is a Minister of the Crown holding 1 or more portfolios, but who is not a member of Cabinet	183,000
Each other member of the Executive Council	158,500
Each Parliamentary Under-Secretary	141,000
<i>Officers of the House of Representatives</i>	
Speaker of the House of Representatives	216,000
Deputy Speaker	152,000
Each Assistant Speaker	130,000
<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	
Leader of the Opposition	216,000
<i>Other Party Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Leader of a party—	
Base salary	130,000
plus	
For each additional member of the party up to a maximum of 5	1,620
plus	
For each additional member of the party over 5 and to a maximum of 23	1,085
plus	
For each additional member of the party in excess of 23	545
<i>Deputy Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Deputy Leader of a party whose members in the House number not less than 25—	
Base salary	150,075
plus	
For each additional member of the party over 25 up to a maximum of 35	545
plus	
For each additional member of the party in excess of 35 up to a maximum of 45	300
Provided that the maximum salary for the Deputy Leader of a party must not exceed	158,000

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2005
	\$
<i>Whips</i>	
In respect of each party whose members in the House number not less than 6,—	
One Whip	
Base salary	130,000
plus	
For each member of the party in excess of 6 up to a maximum of 24	1,085
plus	
For each member of the party in excess of 24 up to a maximum of 35	545
plus	
For each member of the party in excess of 35 up to a maximum of 45	300
Provided that the maximum salary for any opposition party whip must not exceed	158,000
If a Whip referred to in 1 of the provisions under this heading <i>Whips</i> is also the Senior Government Whip an additional sum	4,000
In respect of each party whose members in the House number not less than 25,—	
One Junior Whip	130,000
<i>Chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	
(a) the chairperson of the Regulations Review Committee; or	
(b) the chairperson of a subject select committee specified in Standing Order 189 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives	130,000
<i>Deputy chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	
(a) the deputy chairperson of the Regulations Review Committee; or	
(b) the deputy chairperson of a subject select committee specified in Standing Order 189 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives	122,000
<i>Other members of Parliament</i>	
Each other member of Parliament	118,000

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Schedule 2
Allowances payable under section 16 of Civil List
Act 1979

Expenses allowance

Each member of Parliament is to be paid an expenses allowance in accordance with the following:

Office	Yearly rate of expenses allowance
	\$
Prime Minister	17,900
Speaker	16,800
Each other member of Parliament	13,500

Dated at Wellington this 12th day of December 2005.

David Oughton, Chairman.

Angela Foulkes, Member.

Michael Wintringham, Member.

Explanatory memorandum

This memorandum is not part of the determination, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

1 General

- 1.1 The Remuneration Authority (the **Authority**) has reviewed the remuneration of members of Parliament having regard to the criteria established by section 18 of the Remuneration Authority Act 1977, and particularly to the value of other benefits payable, salary movements in the State sector, and comparable roles in other jurisdictions.

- 1.2 The Authority has long recognised that there is a need to maintain some relativity across the salaries paid to Parliamentarians/the Executive, the Judiciary and the public service. Likewise, it has recognised that it would not be appropriate for political remuneration to be tied closely to the private sector.
- 1.3 In reaching its determination, the Authority considered external relativities as well as internal relativities within Parliament.
- 1.4 Movement in the senior levels of the public service and required adjustments to judicial remuneration levels require a significant increase in senior political posts if any sort of relativity is to be maintained.
- 1.5 Comparisons of members of Parliament without any additional responsibilities with mid-level positions in the public sector do not support anything other than the general movement identified in various surveys.
- 1.6 Consequently, adjustments range from 4% for members of Parliament without any additional responsibilities to 9.6% for the Prime Minister.
- 1.7 In reviewing internal relativities, the Authority recognised that the change in the composition of Parliament following the 2005 general election created an anomaly that necessitated a change in the way in which the salary for the Deputy Leader of a party with 25 or more members in the House is calculated.

2 Allowances

- 2.1 The basic expenses allowance has not been changed since it was set in 2003. The Authority has decided to increase the allowance by the 5.2% movement in the CPI since June 2003.
- 2.2 The basic expenses allowance is intended to cover out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the pursuit of parliamentary business and may include—
 - (a) the entertainment of visitors, staff, constituents, and officials; and
 - (b) memberships, sponsorships, and fees; and
 - (c) koha; and
 - (d) donations and raffle tickets; and
 - (e) gifts and prizes; and
 - (f) flowers (including wreaths); and
 - (g) passport photos; and

- (h) clothing and grooming (Prime Minister only); and
- (i) briefcases and luggage; and
- (j) meals.

2.3 The list of allowable expenses in the previous paragraph is indicative, not definitive, and will be reviewed by the Authority from time to time in consultation with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

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This determination is administered in the Remuneration Authority.
