



## Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2006

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

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

**3 Expiry**

This determination expires on 30 June 2007.

**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 set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) No member of Parliament may be paid more than 1 salary at any one time under any of the provisions of Schedule 1 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 Allowance**

- (1) The allowance payable under section 16 of the Civil List Act 1979 is set out in Schedule 2.
- (2) The allowance is 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 2005 (SR 2005/340) is revoked.

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## Schedule 1

### Salaries payable under section 16 of Civil List Act 1979

<b>Office</b>	<b>Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2006 (\$)</b>
<i>Members of the Executive</i>	
Prime Minister	360,000
Deputy Prime Minister	255,000
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	225,000
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	190,000
Each other member of the Executive Council	164,500
Each Parliamentary Under-Secretary	146,000
<i>Officers of the House of Representatives</i>	
Speaker of the House of Representatives	225,000
Deputy Speaker	158,000
Each Assistant Speaker	135,000
<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	
Leader of the Opposition	225,000
<i>Other Party Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Leader of a party—	
Base salary	135,000
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party up to a maximum of 5	1,680
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party over 5 and to a maximum of 23	1,120
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in excess of 23	560

<b>Office</b>	<b>Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2006 (\$)</b>
<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	155,720
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party over 25 up to a maximum of 35	560
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in excess of 35 up to a maximum of 45	320
Provided that the maximum salary for the Deputy Leader of a party must not exceed	164,000
<i>Whips</i>	
In respect of each party whose members in the House number not less than 6,—	
One Whip	
Base salary	135,000
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in excess of 6 up to a maximum of 24	1,120
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in excess of 24 up to a maximum of 35	560
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in excess of 35 up to a maximum of 45	320
Provided that the maximum salary for any opposition party whip must not exceed	164,000
<i>Senior Government Whip</i>	
If a Whip referred to in one of the provisions under the heading <i>Whips</i> is also the Senior Government Whip an additional sum is added	
	4,000
In respect of each party whose members in the House number not less than 25,—	
One Junior Whip	135,000
<i>Chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	

<b>Office</b>	<b>Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2006 (\$)</b>
(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	135,000
<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	126,500
<i>Other members of Parliament</i>	
Each other member of Parliament	122,500

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**Schedule 2**  
**Allowance 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 table:

<b>Office</b>	<b>Yearly rate of expenses allowance (\$)</b>
Prime Minister	18,600
Speaker	17,400
Each other member of Parliament	14,000

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of November 2006.

David Oughton,  
Chairman.

A Foulkes,  
Member.

M Wintringham,  
Member.

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## Explanatory memorandum

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

### 1 General

- 1.1 The Authority has reviewed the remuneration of members of Parliament having regard to the value of other benefits payable, and to salary movements in the State sector and comparable roles in other parliamentary jurisdictions.
- 1.2 It has long been accepted that it would not be appropriate for political remuneration to be closely tied to the private sector. However, it has also been recognised that there is a need to maintain some relativity across the salaries paid to parliamentarians/the Executive, the judiciary, and the public service.
- 1.3 In its 2005 determination, the Authority significantly increased remuneration for senior political posts to recognise slippage in this area.
- 1.4 In the view of the Authority no new issues have arisen to warrant further adjustment in relativities this year.
- 1.5 The Authority has therefore applied increases between 3.8 and 4.1%, reflecting the all group movement in wages and salaries to 30 June 2006 and the CPI movement for the same period.

### 2 Allowance

- 2.1 The basic expense allowance has been moved to reflect the 4% CPI movement since it was last adjusted.
- 2.2 The basic expense 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 in clause 2.2 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 by the Remuneration Authority.

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