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THE PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES  
ORDER 1970

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 14th day of September 1970

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 27 of the Civil List Act 1950, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the recommendations of a Royal Commission appointed in that behalf, as set out in the report laid before Parliament as parliamentary paper H. 50 of 1970, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This order may be cited as the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1970.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 1970.

EXECUTIVE

**2. Prime Minister**—There shall be paid to the Prime Minister—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$17,000 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$4,000 a year.

**3. Deputy Prime Minister**—There shall be paid to the Minister of the Crown who is for the time being Deputy Prime Minister—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$12,500 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$1,625 a year.

**4. Ministers with portfolio**—There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown holding a portfolio or portfolios (other than the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister)—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$11,250 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$1,500 a year or, in the case of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (while the Prime Minister does not hold that portfolio), at the rate of \$2,000 a year.

**5. Ministers without portfolio**—There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown without portfolio—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$9,650 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$1,275 a year.

**6. Parliamentary Under-Secretaries**—There shall be paid to each Parliamentary Under-Secretary—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$8,450 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$1,275 a year.

**7. Allowances**—(1) There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown and to each Parliamentary Under-Secretary an allowance for every day on which he is travelling within New Zealand on public service.

(2) There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House of Representatives an allowance for every day on which he is travelling away from Wellington or his electorate but within New Zealand on official business.

(3) The allowance payable in accordance with this clause shall be \$14 a day:

Provided that the allowance shall be \$28 for any day on which the person entitled attends by reason of the duties of his office an official function to which the person is invited or is required to go primarily because he holds the office and which his wife necessarily attends and which involves him and his wife in requiring overnight accommodation away from home.

**8. House allowance**—There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown or Parliamentary Under-Secretary who is not provided at the public cost with a residence at the seat of Government a house allowance at the rate of \$600 a year.

#### OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

**9. Speaker**—There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House of Representatives—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$10,000 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate of \$1,300 a year in excess of the rate to which he would be entitled if he held no office other than that of the member of the House of Representatives for his electorate; and
- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

**10. Chairman of Committees**—There shall be paid to the Chairman of Committees of the House of Representatives—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$7,750 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate of \$700 a year in excess of the rate to which he would be entitled if he held no office other than that of the member of the House of Representatives for his electorate; and

- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

**LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

**11. Leader of the Opposition**—There shall be paid to the member of the House of Representatives who is for the time being Leader of the Official Opposition—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$10,500 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of \$1,500 a year; and
- (c) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in travelling outside his electorate in connection with his official duties at the rate of \$1,275 a year; and
- (d) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause; and
- (e) A night allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 18 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

**12. Deputy Leader of the Opposition**—There shall be paid to the member of the House of Representatives who is for the time being Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$6,850 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate of \$575 a year in excess of the rate to which he would be entitled if he held no office other than that of the member of the House of Representatives for his electorate; and
- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause; and
- (d) A night allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 18 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

**WHIPS**

**13. Chief Whips**—There shall be paid to the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at a rate of \$6,600 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 16 of this order; and
- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause; and
- (d) A night allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 18 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

**14. Junior Whips**—There shall be paid to the Junior Government Whip and the Junior Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$6,400 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 16 of this order; and

- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause; and
- (d) A night allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 18 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

#### MEMBERS

**15. Members**—There shall be paid to each member of the House of Representatives to whom the foregoing provisions of this order do not apply—

- (a) A salary at the rate of \$6,100 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 16 of this order; and
- (c) A sessional allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 17 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause; and
- (d) A night allowance, where it is payable in accordance with clause 18 of this order, at the rate specified in that clause.

#### ALLOWANCES OF DEPUTY LEADER OF OPPOSITION, WHIPS, AND MEMBERS

**16. Expenses allowance**—(1) The rate of the allowance to provide for expenses under clauses 13, 14, and 15 of this order in the case of a member for a European electorate shall be—

- (a) In the case of a member for a wholly urban electorate, \$1,340 a year;
- (b) In the case of a member for a substantially urban electorate, \$1,480 a year;
- (c) In the case of a member for a partially urban and partially rural electorate, \$1,770 a year;
- (d) In the case of a member for an ordinary rural electorate, \$2,170 a year;
- (e) In the case of a member for a predominantly rural electorate, \$2,400 a year.

(2) The rate of the allowance to provide for expenses under clauses 13, 14, and 15 of this order in the case of a member for a Maori electorate shall be—

- (a) In the case of the member for the Southern Maori electorate, \$2,750 a year;
- (b) In the case of the member for any other Maori electorate, \$2,575 a year.

(3) For the purposes of this clause the Representation Commission established under the Electoral Act 1956 shall classify each European electorate as—

- (a) A wholly urban electorate; or
- (b) A substantially urban electorate; or
- (c) A partially urban and partially rural electorate; or
- (d) An ordinary rural electorate; or
- (e) A predominantly rural electorate.

(4) In classifying any electorate as aforesaid the Representation Commission shall take into account the size, topography, and transport facilities of the electorate, the nature of its roads, the distribution of its population, and all other considerations that the Commission deems relevant.

**17. Sessional allowance**—(1) The rate of the sessional allowance under clauses 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order shall be \$3 for—

- (a) Each sitting day while Parliament is in session, being a day on which the member attends the sittings of Parliament or of any Select Committee of Parliament; and
- (b) Each day, while Parliament is not in session, on which the member attends the sittings of a Select Committee of Parliament of which he is a member or which he is required to attend because of being in charge of a Bill or other matter under consideration by the Committee or for any other valid reason relating only to the business of the Committee, or on which the member attends a properly notified meeting of a party caucus or of a committee of a party caucus, or on which the member attends in Wellington any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of Parliament or with the authority of the House of Representatives; and
- (c) Each day on which the member is in Wellington, but is unable to attend any such sittings because of sickness or some other reason accepted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as sufficient.

(2) Where the Chief Government Whip or the Chief Opposition Whip is required to be in Wellington a day before or a day after Parliament sits in any week, the said sessional allowance of \$3 shall be paid to him for every such day.

**18. Night allowance**—(1) The rate of the night allowance under clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order shall be \$8 for each night on which the member requires overnight accommodation away from his home outside Wellington—

- (a) By reason of his proceeding by the ordinary means of transport available to him for the purpose of attending the sittings of Parliament or of a Select Committee of Parliament, or a properly notified meeting of a party caucus or of a committee of a party caucus, or for the purpose of attending in Wellington any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of Parliament or with the authority of the House of Representatives, on an occasion when he is entitled to the sessional allowance for the attendance:

Provided that the night allowance shall not be payable under this paragraph in respect of any night on which accommodation is included in the fare paid on behalf of the member out of money appropriated by Parliament; or

- (b) For the purpose of attending the sittings of Parliament or of a Select Committee of Parliament, or a properly notified meeting of a party caucus or of a committee of a party caucus, or for the purpose of attending in Wellington any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of Parliament or with the authority of the House of Representatives, on an occasion when he is entitled to the sessional allowance for the attendance.

(2) Where the Chief Government Whip or the Chief Opposition Whip is required to be in Wellington a day before or a day after Parliament sits in any week and requires overnight accommodation away from his home outside Wellington for a night to enable him to do so, the said night allowance of \$8 shall be paid to him for every such night.

**19. Revocation**—The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1968\* is hereby revoked.

P. J. BROOKS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

\*S.R. 1968/223

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order fixes new salaries and allowances to be paid to Ministers of the Crown, Parliamentary Under-Secretaries, the Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Whips, and other members of Parliament.

The rates are those recommended in the report of the Royal Commission laid before Parliament.

The order is deemed to have come into force on 1 April 1970.

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Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 17 September 1970.

This order is administered in the Prime Minister's Department.