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THE PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ORDER 1959

COBHAM, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 21st day of October 1959

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 1959, hereby makes the following order.

O R D E R

1. (1) This order may be cited as the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1959.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 1959.

EXECUTIVE

2. There shall be paid to the Prime Minister—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £4,250 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.

3. There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown holding a portfolio or portfolios (other than the Prime Minister)—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,800 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £450 a year or, in the case of the Minister of External Affairs (while the Prime Minister does not hold that portfolio), at the rate of £615 a year.

4. There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown without portfolio—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,200 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £350 a year.

5. There shall be paid to each Parliamentary Under-Secretary—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £1,700 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £400 a year.

6. There shall be paid to each Minister of the Crown and to each Parliamentary Under-Secretary an allowance of £4 4s. for every day on which he is travelling within New Zealand on public service.

7. 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 £300 a year.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,400 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £600 a year.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £1,825 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £500 a year.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

10. 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 £2,200 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £490 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 £215 a year.

WHIPS

11. There shall be paid to the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £1,450 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 14 of this order.

12. There shall be paid to the Junior Government Whip and the Junior Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £1,430 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 14 of this order.

MEMBERS

13. 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 £1,400 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his parliamentary duties at the appropriate rate specified in clause 14 of this order.

ALLOWANCES OF WHIPS AND MEMBERS

14. (1) The rate of the allowance under clauses 11, 12, and 13 of this order in the case of a member for a European electorate shall be—

- (a) In the case of the member for Onslow, while that electorate is classified as a Wellington electorate, £325 a year:
- (b) In the case of the member for each of the following electorates, namely, Heretaunga, Petone, and Karori, while in each case the electorate is classified as a Wellington electorate, £300 a year:
- (c) In the case of a member for any other Wellington electorate, £275 a year:
- (d) In the case of a member for a wholly urban electorate other than a Wellington electorate, £440 a year:
- (e) In the case of a member for a substantially urban electorate, £465 a year:
- (f) In the case of a member for a substantially rural electorate, £522 10s. a year:
- (g) In the case of a member for a wholly rural electorate, £605 a year.

(2) The rate of the allowance under clauses 11, 12, and 13 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, £705 a year:
- (b) In the case of the member for any other Maori electorate, £655 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 Wellington electorate, being a wholly urban electorate in or near to the City of Wellington or the City of Lower Hutt; or
- (b) A wholly urban electorate other than a Wellington electorate; or
- (c) A substantially urban electorate; or
- (d) A substantially rural electorate; or
- (e) A wholly 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.

REVOCATION

15. The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1955,* and the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1955, Amendment No. 1†, are hereby revoked.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*S.R. 1955/147

†S.R. 1958/124

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 of the Opposition, the Whips, and other members of Parliament.

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

The order is to take effect as from the beginning of July 1959.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Prime Minister's Department.