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**THE PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES  
ORDER 1961**

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COBHAM, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 11th day of October 1961

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 1961, hereby makes the following order.

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O R D E R

1. (1) This order may be cited as the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1961.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 1961.

EXECUTIVE

2. There shall be paid to the Prime Minister—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £4,750 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £1,600 a year.

3. 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 £3,350; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £600 a year.

4. 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 £3,150 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £550 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 £730 a year.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,500 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.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,250 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,700 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £675 a year.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,100 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate £100 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. 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 £2,600 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at the rate of £550 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; and
- (d) While he 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.

12. 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 £1,700 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and 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.

#### WHIPS

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

- (a) A salary at a rate of £1,625 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.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £1,600 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.

#### MEMBERS

15. 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 £1,550 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.

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

16. (1) The rate of the allowance under clauses 12, 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 £370 a year;
- (b) In the case of a member for a substantially urban electorate, £390 a year;
- (c) In the case of a member for a partially urban and partially rural electorate, £450 a year;
- (d) In the case of a member for a predominantly rural electorate, £550 a year.

(2) The rate of the allowance under clauses 12, 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, £675 a year;
- (b) In the case of the member for any other Maori electorate, £600 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) 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. (1) The rate of the sessional allowance under clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order shall be £2 10s. for each day on which the member is in Wellington and either—

- (a) Attends the sittings of Parliament or of a Select Committee of Parliament, whether the Committee sits during a parliamentary session or during a parliamentary recess; or
- (b) 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) The said sessional allowance shall not be payable to any member in respect of any day unless the attendance of the member in Wellington necessitates his absence from his home overnight on the night immediately before or immediately after the said sittings or on both of those nights.

18. The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1959\* is hereby revoked.

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

\*S.R. 1959/163

#### 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 recently laid before Parliament.

The order is to take effect as from the beginning of July 1961.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Legislative Department.