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**THE PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES
ORDER 1964**

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 4th day of November 1964

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 1964, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

1. (1) This order may be cited as the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1964.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 1964.

EXECUTIVE

2. There shall be paid to the Prime Minister—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £5,750 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 £4,250; 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 £4,000 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 £3,250 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.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £3,000 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. (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 on and after the 1st day of October 1964 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 £4 4s. a day up till and including the 30th day of September 1964, and thereafter £5 5s. a day:

Provided that the allowance shall be £10 10s. for any day on and after the 1st day of October 1964 on which the person entitled attends by reason of the duties of his office an official function which his wife necessarily attends and which involves him and his wife in requiring overnight accommodation away from home.

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 £3,400 a year; and
- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate of £350 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.

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

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,750 a year; and

- (b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate £200 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.

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 £3,400 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 up till and including the 30th day of June 1964, and thereafter at the rate of £400 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 £2,400 a year; and
(b) An allowance to provide for expenses incurred in connection with his official and parliamentary duties at a rate of £150 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. There shall be paid to the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at a rate of £2,250 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. There shall be paid to the Junior Government Whip and the Junior Opposition Whip—

- (a) A salary at the rate of £2,215 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. 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 £2,150 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. (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, £450 a year;
- (b) In the case of a member for a substantially urban electorate, £475 a year;
- (c) In the case of a member for a partially urban and partially rural electorate, £550 a year;
- (d) In the case of a member for an ordinary rural electorate, £675 a year;
- (e) In the case of a member for a predominantly rural electorate, £725 a year.

(2) The rate of the allowance to provide for expenses 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, £850 a year;
- (b) In the case of the member for any other Maori electorate, £775 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. (1) On and after the 1st day of October 1964 the rate of the sessional allowance under clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order shall be 15s. for—

- (a) Each sitting day which 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 party caucus; 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) On and after the 1st day of October 1964, 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 15s. shall be paid to him for every such day.

18. (1) On and after the 1st day of October 1964 the rate of the night allowance under clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order shall be £2 10s. 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 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 on an occasion where he is entitled to the sessional allowance for the attendance.

(2) On and after the 1st day of October 1964 a member to whom any of the provisions of clauses 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this order applies shall be entitled to the said night allowance of £2 10s. for one night only where he attends on more than one day at a properly notified party caucus which lasts for more than one day while Parliament is in recess and requires overnight accommodation away from his home outside Wellington to enable him to do so.

(3) On and after the 1st day of October 1964, 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 £2 10s. shall be paid to him for every such night.

19. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of these regulations, the sessional allowance and night allowances payable under clauses 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18 of these regulations shall not be payable before the 1st day of October 1964; and before that date the sessional allowances payable under clauses 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17 of the Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1961* shall, notwithstanding the revocation of that order, be payable as if that order continued in force.

20. The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Order 1961* is hereby revoked.

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

*S.R. 1961/133

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 comes into force on 1 July 1964, but some of the allowances, etc., do not become payable at the new rates until 1 October 1964.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 5 November 1964.

These regulations are administered in the Legislative Department.