



Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2007

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 2007.

- 2 **Commencement**
This determination is deemed to have come into force on 1 July 2007.

3 Expiry

This determination expires on 30 June 2008.

4 Interpretation

In this determination, **party** means a parliamentary political party whose members in the House of Representatives 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 that 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 2006 (SR 2006/353) is revoked.

Schedule 1

Salaries payable under section 16 of Civil List Act 1979

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Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2007 (\$)
<i>Members of the Executive</i>	
Prime Minister	375,000
Deputy Prime Minister	264,500
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	233,000
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	195,700
Each other member of the Executive Council	169,400
Each Parliamentary Under-Secretary	150,400
<i>Officers of the House of Representatives</i>	
Speaker of the House of Representatives	233,000
Deputy Speaker	162,750
Each Assistant Speaker	139,000
<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	
Leader of the Opposition	233,000
<i>Other Party Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Leader of a party—	
Base salary	139,000
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives up to a maximum of 5	1,730
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 5 up to a maximum of 23	1,150
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 23	580

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2007 (\$)
<i>Deputy Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Deputy Leader of a party whose members in the House of Representatives number not less than 25—	
Base salary	160,400
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 25 up to a maximum of 35	580
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 35 up to a maximum of 45	330
Provided that the maximum salary for the Deputy Leader of a party must not exceed	170,000
 <i>Whips</i>	
In respect of each party whose members in the House of Representatives number not less than 4,—	
<i>One Whip</i>	
Base salary	139,000
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 6 up to a maximum of 24	1,150
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 24 up to a maximum of 35	580
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 35 up to a maximum of 45	330
Provided that the maximum salary for any opposition party whip must not exceed	170,000
 <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	4,120
 In respect of each party whose members in the House of Representatives number not less than 25,—	

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2007 (\$)
One Junior Whip	139,000
<i>Chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	
(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	139,000
<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	130,300
<i>Other members of Parliament</i>	
Each other member of Parliament	126,200

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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:

Office	Yearly rate of expenses allowance (\$)
Prime Minister	19,000
Speaker	17,750
Each other member of Parliament	14,280

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of November 2007.

David Oughton,
Chairman.

A Foulkes,
Member.

M Wintringham,
Member.

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 and 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 issues have arisen, apart from those relating to the Party Whips mentioned below, to warrant further major adjustment in relativities this year.
- 1.5 The Authority has therefore applied increases between 3% and 4.1%, reflecting the base movement in the public and private sectors, with modest recognition of the movement in senior public and private sector positions.

2 Party Whips

- 2.1 Standing Order 144 deals with the procedure for a party vote. The effect of Standing Order 144(4) is that a party with 4 or more members may have votes cast on its behalf only if it has a member in the House of Representatives at the time of the vote. The onus for this falls on the Party Whip.
- 2.2 To date the minimum number of members that a party must have to qualify for a remunerated Party Whip has been set at 6 or more.
- 2.3 After representations from the Members' Services Committee, the Authority has decided to reduce the minimum qualifying number of members to 4.

3 Allowance

- 3.1 The basic expense allowance has been moved to reflect the 2% CPI movement since it was last adjusted.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The list in clause 3.2 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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