



Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2008

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 2008.

- 2 **Commencement**
This determination is deemed to have come into force on 1 July 2008.

3 Expiry

This determination expires on 30 June 2009.

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 offices, the salary payable to that member is that payable for the office 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 2007 (SR 2007/352) is revoked.

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Schedule 1
Salaries payable under section 16 of Civil
List Act 1979

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2008 (\$)
<i>Members of the Executive</i>	
Prime Minister	393,000
Deputy Prime Minister	276,700
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	243,700
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	204,300
Each other member of the Executive Council	176,900
Each Parliamentary Under-Secretary	157,000
<i>Officers of the House of Representatives</i>	
Speaker of the House of Representatives	243,700
Deputy Speaker	169,900
Each Assistant Speaker	144,500
<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	
Leader of the Opposition	243,700
<i>Other Party Leaders</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is the Leader of a party—	
Base salary	144,500
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives up to a maximum of 5	1,800
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 5 up to a maximum of 23	1,200
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 23	600

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2008 (\$)
<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	167,450
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 25 up to a maximum of 35	600
<i>plus</i>	
For each additional member of the party in the House of Representatives over 35 up to a maximum of 45	340
Provided that the maximum salary for the Deputy Leader of a party must not exceed	176,900
<i>Whips</i>	
In respect of each party whose members in the House of Representatives number not less than 4—	
One Whip	
Base salary	144,500
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 6 up to a maximum of 24	1,200
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 24 up to a maximum of 35	600
<i>plus</i>	
For each member of the party in the House of Representatives over 35 up to a maximum of 45	340
Provided that the maximum salary for any opposition party whip must not exceed	176,900
<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	4,300

Office	Yearly rate of salary payable on and after 1 July 2008 (\$)
In respect of each party whose members in the House of Representatives number not less than 25—	
One Junior Whip	144,500
<i>Chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	
(a) the chairperson of the Regulations Review Committee; or	144,500
(b) the chairperson of a subject select committee specified in Standing Order 184 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives	
<i>Deputy chairpersons of select committees</i>	
Each member of Parliament who is—	
(a) the deputy chairperson of the Regulations Review Committee; or	135,300
(b) the deputy chairperson of a subject select committee specified in Standing Order 184 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives	
<i>Other members of Parliament</i>	
Each other member of Parliament	131,000

Schedule 2

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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 payable on and after 1 July 2008 (\$)
Prime Minister	19,700
Speaker	18,400
Each other member of Parliament	14,800

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of November 2008.

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 Remuneration Authority has reviewed the remuneration of members of Parliament having regard to the value of other benefits payable to them, and to salary movements in the State sector.
- 1.2 It has long been accepted that it is not appropriate for remuneration of those in elected office to be closely tied to the private sector, or to state-owned entities operating in a commercial environment, notwithstanding the responsibilities of senior politicians in particular.
- 1.3 It has been recognised that there is a need to maintain some relativity across the salaries paid to the Executive and other members of Parliament, the judiciary, and the public service.
- 1.4 Maintaining those relativities has become increasingly challenging as the movement in remuneration for senior State sector positions, the legal profession, and related professions has

outstripped the salary movements generally enjoyed by New Zealanders.

- 1.5 On balance, the Authority has looked to movements in salary and the Consumers Price Index in the broader economy in applying increases ranging between 3.8% and 4.8% to parliamentary salaries, again modestly recognising the size of the responsibilities placed on members of the Executive and Party Leaders.
- 1.6 No other matters were brought to the attention of the Authority in the course of its considerations, therefore the structure of the remuneration packages covered by the determination is unchanged.

2 Allowance

- 2.1 The basic expenses allowance has been moved to reflect movements in the Consumers Price Index since it was last adjusted.
 - 2.2 The basic expenses 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.
 - 2.3 The list in clause 2.2 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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