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**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (ENTITLEMENTS) COMMISSION  
(AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATIONS 2004**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 69B(2) of the Constitution, the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission hereby makes the following regulations -

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2004, and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 2004.

2. Regulation 14 of the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission (Amendment) Regulation 2000\* (hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations") is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (2) thereof and substituting therefore the following -

"(2) Ministers, the Leader of Opposition or the Leader of the Independent Group will obtain funds for official hospitality from a vote provided for the purpose and controlled by the Prime Minister".

3. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is hereby deleted and replaced by the following

"15. A member elected to Parliament shall receive an appointment grant at the rate prescribed in Appendix A and any Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group appointed for the first time shall receive a further grant at the rate prescribed in Appendix A. No appointment grant shall be paid twice to a Member of Parliament, Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group within the life of a Parliament."

Appointment  
Grant

4. Regulation 31 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by deleting sub regulations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) thereof and substituting therefore the following -

“(1) Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group will be provided, if they so request, with a rent-free Government house of a Class II or III

(2) Any Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group who occupies his own private house shall be entitled to a rental supplement of a Class II Government house.

(3) A Minister, Leader of the Opposition or Leader of the Independent Group who occupies a Government house shall be entitled to employ one domestic servant and a gardener to work in such house at such rate of pay as the Permanent Secretary to the Public Service may approve and the pay of such domestic employees shall be paid out of public funds. Where he does not occupy a Government house he shall not be entitled to a gardener.

(4) The Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group shall be entitled to free supply of water, gases and electricity. The expenses thereof shall be a charge on public funds.

(5) Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group shall be entitled to have a telephone installed and maintained in the houses which they occupy at the expense of public funds. Provided that the cost of any telephone calls which are not for public purposes must be met by the Minister, Leader of Opposition or Leader of the Independent Group, as the case may be.”

5. Regulation 39 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by deleting sub regulations (1), (2), (3), (5) (6) and (7) thereof and substituting respectively in each case the following new sub regulations as follows -

“(1) The Prime Minister, each Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group will be provided with free transport for himself, his wife and children as follows -

(a) from his place of domicile or the central point of his Constituency to Honiara, on first appointment;

(b) six return trips in each Calendar year between Honiara and any place designated by him within his Constituency or his legal spouses place or domicile, or any other place in Solomon Islands;

(c) From Honiara to his place of domicile or the central point in his constituency, on relinquishing appointment.

(2) For the discharge of their official duties Ministers, Leader of Opposition and the Leader of the Independent Group shall be provided with a car except on specific circumstances where Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Groups needs for transport so justify, a suitable vehicle other than a car will be provided. Such need shall be considered in its own merit by the Secretary to the Prime Minister.

(3) Drivers whose appointments shall be made by the Permanent Secretary for the Public Service upon the recommendations of the Ministers, Leaders of Opposition or Leader of the Independent Group shall be provided.

(5) Vehicles provided under paragraph (2), being restricted to official use, shall be placed under the control of the Ministry of which the particular Minister is primarily responsible and in the case of the Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group, under the control of their respective offices.

(6) Vehicles provided to Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of Independence Group for the discharge of their official duties shall be restricted and shall only be driven by the driver designated under paragraph (3).

(7) In the event of a former Minister, former Leader of Opposition or former Leader of the Independent Group deciding to purchase the vehicle provided under paragraph (2), he may do so in consultation with the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Transport, Works and Communications. One approval for the purchase is granted, payment must be made to the Government through the Ministry of Finance within 15 days. Upon failure to purchase the vehicles, the Ministry of Transport, Works and Communications shall have the right to retrieve the vehicle to the Transport pool."

6. Regulation 42 of the principal regulations is hereby deleted and replaced with the following -

"Travel for Constituency purposes.

42. All members, including the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of Opposition and the Leader of the Independent Group are personally responsible for the payment of fares when travelling on constituency business."

7. Regulation 43 of the principal regulation is hereby deleted and replaced by the following -

43. Free passage by air or sea for the Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of Independent Group is restricted to official duty only. Subject to the prior approval of the Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group may charter aircraft or ship where scheduled services are reasonably available. For journeys for Constituency purposes, Regulation 42 will apply."

"Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of Independent Group.

8. Regulation 44 of the principal regulation is hereby deleted and replaced by the following -

44. The Secretary to the Prime Minister must be advised of any duty tours by any Minister, Leader of Opposition or Leader of the Independent Group before they are undertaken or the full cost of the tour will be the full responsibility of the Minister, Leader of Opposition or the Leader of the Independent Group as the case may be."

"Travel arrangement for touring on duty. LN.45/97

9. Regulation 67 of the principal regulation is hereby deleted and replaced by the following -

67. The Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group are entitled to be provided with office facilities and three to four other staff who need not be public servants."

"Leader of Opposition and Leader of Independent Group.

10. Appendix A(5) of the principal regulation is hereby amended by deleting

'Deputy Prime Minister,  
Ministers and the Leader of Opposition - US\$250'

and inserting therefore the following -

"Deputy Prime Minister,  
Ministers, Leaders of Opposition and  
Leader of the Independent Group - US\$250"

Dated at Honiara this fifteenth day of December, 2004.

COLIN R. DARCY  
Chairman  
Members of Parliament (Entitlement) Commission

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