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CHAPTER 110

POLICE

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ORGANISATION, DISCIPLINE,
 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE POLICE FORCE, AND FOR
 MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

6 of 1972
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[1st August 1972]

PART I
 PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Police Act.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 “arms” includes firearms;
 “commanding officer” means the Commissioner, the
 Deputy Commissioner, a gazetted officer and any
 Inspector in control of the police in any province;
 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police
 appointed under this Act;
 “Constable” means a police officer under the rank of
 Corporal, and includes a recruit constable;
 “Deputy Commissioner” means the Deputy Commissioner
 of Police appointed under this Act;
 “the Force” means the Solomon Islands Police Force
 referred to in section 3;
 “gazetted officer” means a police officer of or above the
 rank of Inspector;
 “Inspector” means a police officer of the rank of Inspector
 of any grade;
 “special constable” means a member of the Special
 Constabulary referred to in section 58;
 “subordinate officer” means a police officer below the
 rank of Inspector;
 “superior” or “superior officer”, when used in relation to
 any act done or thing suffered by a police officer,
 means a police officer senior in rank to the police
 officer doing the act or suffering the thing;
 “traffic” includes animals in the charge or under the
 control of any person, pedestrians and vehicles in or
 on any public thoroughfare and whether in motion or
 not.

Short title

Interpretation

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PART II

CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION

Previous Force
to continue
Cap. 36, 1969
Edition

3. The Police Force established by the Police Act repealed by this Act shall continue in being, shall be subject to this Act and shall continue to be called the Solomon Islands Police Force.

Constitution of
Force
LN 46A of 1978

4. The Force shall be formally enrolled and shall consist of a Commissioner of Police, a Deputy Commissioner of Police and such other ranks as may be prescribed in accordance with the Constitution.

Functions of
Force
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5. The Force shall be employed in and throughout Solomon Islands for the maintenance and enforcement of law and order, the preservation of the peace, the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of offenders, and shall be entitled for the performance of all such duties to carry arms:

Provided that no firearms shall be carried except with the authority of the Commissioner given under and in accordance with the general or special directions of the Prime Minister acting in his discretion.

Employment of
Force in times of
emergency
LN 46A of 1978

6.—(1) If Her Majesty is at war or it appears to the Prime Minister that a grave threat to the defence or internal security of Solomon Islands has arisen, the Prime Minister in his discretion may direct that the Force or any part thereof—

(a) shall be employed as a military force;

(b) shall comply with the orders of any military authority that he may specify.

(2) A direction under subsection (1) that the Force shall comply with the orders of a military authority shall not affect—

(a) any powers of appointment, dismissal or disciplinary control of members of the Force conferred upon any person or authority by this Act; or

(b) ~~except~~ so far as the Prime Minister may otherwise direct, the command, superintendence and direction of the Force vested in the Commissioner by section 7.

General powers
of Commissioner
LN 46A of 1978

7.—(1) The Commissioner shall have the command, superintendence and direction of the Force and, subject to the provisions of this Act, may—

(a) make such appointments and promotions in respect of all police officers, other than gazetted officers, as he may see fit; and

(b) from time to time make orders for the general government of police officers in relation to their enlistment, discharge, training, arms, clothing, equipment and other appointments, and particular services as well as their distribution and inspection, and such other orders as he may deem expedient for preventing neglect and for promoting efficiency and discipline on the part of police officers in the discharge of their duties.

(2) Any act or thing which may be done, ordered or performed by the Commissioner may, subject to the orders and directions of the Commissioner, be done or performed by the Deputy Commissioner or, to such extent as the Commissioner may delegate any of such powers to him, by any gazetted officer:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall empower the Commissioner to delegate any power to, nor empower the Deputy Commissioner to, hear any appeal under this Act relating to any offence against discipline or to impose upon a police officer any punishment which includes reduction in rank or dismissal.

8.—(1) The administration of the Force throughout Solomon Islands shall be vested in the Commissioner.

Administration
of Force

(2) Subject to the orders and directions of the Commissioner, the control of the police in any place shall be vested in such police officer as may be appointed by the Commissioner to be in charge thereof.

PART III

APPOINTMENT, ENLISTMENT, SERVICE AND DISCHARGE

9.—(1) Gazetted officers shall be appointed by the Police and Prisons Service Commission.

Appointments
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(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, police officers other than gazetted officers shall be appointed by the Commissioner.

10. Every Constable shall be enlisted in the Force for a period of two years on probation and shall, on the conclusion of such probationary period to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, be confirmed by the Commissioner in his appointment.

Enlistment

Declaration on
enlistment

Schedule

11.—(1) Every police officer shall, on joining the Force or before entering on the duties of his office, make before the Commissioner or any gazetted officer a declaration on oath or affirmation in the form specified in the Schedule.

(2) Every police officer required to make a declaration under subsection (1) shall, on joining the Force and before making such declaration, answer truly any question which may be put to him as to his previous service in any of Her Majesty's Forces or police and as to whether he has at any time been convicted of any offence.

(3) Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in reply to any question put to him under the provisions of subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of twenty dollars or to imprisonment for one month, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Certificate of
appointment

12. A certificate of appointment, in such form as shall be determined by the Commissioner, signed by the Commissioner or by any gazetted officer authorised by the Commissioner in that behalf, shall be issued to every police officer and shall be evidence of the appointment of such officer under the provisions of this Act.

Liability for
service

13. All police officers shall be bound to proceed to and serve at any place in Solomon Islands, or on board any vessel or aircraft in the service of the Government, or, subject to the provisions of Part VIII, at any place outside Solomon Islands.

Police officers
not to engage in
other
employment or
in political
activities

14. No police officer shall—

(a) engage in any trade, business, employment or office whatsoever, or take part in any commercial undertaking, outside the scope of his duties under this Act, except with the authority of the Commissioner; or

(b) take any active part in any political organisation or electoral campaign or engage in any other activity which is likely to interfere with the impartial discharge of his duties under this Act.

Police officer not
to be member of
trade union, etc
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15.—(1) For the purpose of enabling police officers to consider and bring to the notice of the Government any matter affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than questions of discipline and promotion, the Prime Minister may in his discretion by order establish and provide for the regulation of one

or more police associations which, including any branch or branches thereof, shall be entirely independent of, and unassociated with, any body or person outside the Force, and shall be deemed not to be a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Unions Act.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1), no police officer shall become a member of any trade union, or of any association the object or one of the objects of which is to control or influence the pay, pensions or conditions of service of any police force or body or of the public service of Solomon Islands or any part thereof or of any association with political objects; and any police officer who contravenes this provision shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) Any question whether any body is a trade union or association to which subsection (2) applies shall be determined by the Prime Minister in his discretion, and such determination shall be final and conclusive and shall not be questioned in any proceedings whatsoever.

16. Any police officer may resign from the Force at any time by giving not less than three months' notice of his intention to resign in writing to the Commissioner:

Provided that in any case the Commissioner may in his discretion waive the provisions of this section regarding the period of notice to be given.

17. Any police officer whose period of service expires during a state of war, insurrection or hostilities or whenever the Prime Minister is satisfied that a state of civil commotion which threatens the public safety exists or is likely to arise in Solomon Islands or in any part thereof, may be retained and his service prolonged for such further period, not exceeding six months after the cessation of such state of war, insurrection, hostilities or civil commotion which threatens the public safety, as the Prime Minister may in his discretion direct.

18. The Commissioner may at any time discharge from the Force a Constable who has not been confirmed in his appointment if the Commissioner considers that he is unlikely to become an efficient police officer:

Provided that no Constable shall be so discharged unless he

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Resignation

Prolongation of
service in event
of hostilities, etc

Discharge

has been given one month's notice of the intention to discharge him or, at the option of the Commissioner, one month's pay in lieu of such notice.

Arms and equipment to be delivered up on ceasing to be a police officer

19.—(1) When a police officer ceases to be a member of the Force he shall forthwith deliver up to the person appointed by the Commissioner for that purpose, or to the police officer in charge at the place at which he was last stationed, his certificate of appointment and all arms, ammunition, equipment, uniform and other appointments which have been supplied to him and which are the property of the Government.

(2) Any police officer who, having ceased to belong to the Force, fails without good cause to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment, and, in addition thereto, shall be liable to pay the value of the property not delivered up, which value may be ascertained by the court in a summary manner and shall be recoverable as a fine.

Police officers liable to same provisions as other public officers

20. Save as otherwise provided in this Act, every police officer shall be subject to the same provisions as are applicable to other public officers of corresponding status.

PART IV

POWERS, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF POLICE OFFICERS

General powers and duties of police officers

21.—(1) Every police officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are by law conferred or imposed upon a police officer, and shall obey all lawful directions in respect of the execution of his office which he may from time to time receive from his superiors in the Force or from any other police officer in the same rank as himself but senior in service.

(2) Every police officer shall be deemed to be on duty at all times.

(3) It shall be the duty of every police officer promptly to obey and execute all orders and warrants lawfully issued to him by any competent authority, to collect and communicate intelligence affecting the public peace, to prevent the commission of offences and public nuisances, to detect and bring offenders to justice, and to apprehend all persons whom he is legally authorised to apprehend and for whose apprehension sufficient ground exists.

22.—(1) Any police officer may cause to be taken, for use and record in the registry of the Force, photographs, descriptions, measurements, fingerprints, palmprints and footprints of any person in lawful custody for any offence punishable by imprisonment, whether such person has been convicted of such offence or not.

Power to take photographs, etc. of accused or convicted persons

(2) On the acquittal of any person whose photographs, descriptions, measurements, fingerprints, palmprints or footprints have been taken under the provisions of this section such photographs, descriptions, measurements, fingerprints, palmprints, and footprints shall be destroyed.

(3) Any person in lawful custody for any offence who refuses to submit to the taking of any of the methods of identification authorised to be taken under the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment and, after conviction, reasonable force may be used to take such methods of identification.

23. It shall be lawful for any police officer to make a complaint or charge against any person before a Magistrate and to apply for a summons, warrant, search warrant or such other legal process as may by law issue against any person.

Power of police officer to make complaint, etc.

24.—(1) Where the defence to any suit instituted against a police officer is that the act complained of was done in obedience to a warrant purporting to be issued by a Judge or a Magistrate, the court shall, upon production of the warrant containing the signature of the Judge or Magistrate, and upon proof that the act complained of was done in obedience to such warrant, enter judgment in favour of such police officer.

Non-liability for act done under authority of warrant

(2) No proof of the signature of the Judge or Magistrate shall be required unless the court has reason to doubt the genuineness thereof; and where it shall be proved that such signature is not genuine, judgment shall nevertheless be given in favour of such police officer if it is proved that, at the time when the act complained of was committed, he believed on reasonable grounds that such signature was genuine.

25.—(1) It shall be lawful for any police officer to stop and detain any person whom he sees doing any act for which a licence or permit is required under the provisions of any law and to require such person to produce his licence or permit.

Power to inspect licences or permits

(2) Any person who fails to produce such licence or permit when called upon by a police officer may be arrested without a warrant unless he gives his name and address and otherwise satisfies the police officer that he will duly answer any summons or other proceedings which may be taken against him.

Power to erect
barriers, etc

26.—(1) It shall be lawful for any police officer, other than a subordinate officer, if he considers it necessary for the maintenance and preservation of law and order, the prevention or detection of crime or for the apprehension of offenders, to erect or place barriers in or across any road or street or in any other public place in such manner as he may think fit.

(2) Any police officer may take all such reasonable steps as he considers necessary to prevent any person or vehicle from passing any barrier erected or placed under subsection (1), and any such person, or the driver of any such vehicle, who fails to comply with any reasonable signal made by a police officer under this subsection shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) No police officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any vehicle or suffered by any person as a result of any reasonable or necessary steps taken by such police officer under the authority of this section.

Duty of Force to
keep order on
public roads

27.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Force —

(a) to regulate and control traffic;

(b) to divert all or any particular kind of traffic, when it is in the public interest to do so;

(c) to keep order on public roads, streets, thoroughfares and landing places, and at other places of public resort or places to which the public have access; and

(d) to prevent obstruction on the occasions of assemblies and processions on the public roads and streets, and in any case when any road, street, thoroughfare or landing place may be thronged or may be liable to be obstructed.

(2) Any person who opposes or disobeys any lawful order given by any police officer in the performance of his duty under any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) Any person who opposes or disobeys any lawful order

given by a police officer in the performance of his duty under any of the provisions of this section may be arrested without a warrant unless he gives his name and address and otherwise satisfies a police officer that he will duly answer any summons or other proceedings which may be taken against him.

28. Any person who having been asked by a police officer in the execution of his duty to give his name and address refuses to do so or gives to such police officer a false name or address shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and any police officer may without warrant arrest such person.

Persons
furnishing false
name and
address

29.—(1) It shall be the duty of every police officer to take charge of all unclaimed property handed to him by any other person, or found by such police officer to be unclaimed, and to deliver the same to the officer in charge of the nearest police station, who shall cause to be posted, in some conspicuous place at the police station, a notice specifying such property, and calling upon any person who may have any claim thereto to appear and establish his claim within two months from the date of such notice.

Disposal of
unclaimed
property

(2) Such property, if no person shall within two months from the date of the notice aforesaid establish his claim thereto, may be sold or otherwise disposed of or destroyed in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

(3) The proceeds of the sale of such property shall, if no claim thereto has been established within two months from the date of the notice aforesaid, and after the deduction of any expenses incurred in such sale, be paid into and form part of the Consolidated Fund established by the Constitution.

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(4) In the case of any perishable property delivered as unclaimed property to the officer in charge of a police station, he shall forthwith cause the same to be sold if practicable but otherwise he shall cause the same to be destroyed. The proceeds of any sale under this subsection shall, after the deduction of any expenses incurred in such sale, be held by the officer in charge of the police station and be dealt with in accordance with subsection (1) and, in the event of a claim to the same not being established within two months from the date of the notice referred to in subsection (1), in accordance with subsection (3).

Power of police officers to enter and break open premises in case of fire, etc.

30. Any police officer may enter and, if necessary, break into any building being or reasonably supposed to be on fire, or any building or land adjoining or near thereto, and any building threatened with damage by floodwater or other hazard, without the consent of the owner or occupier, and may do all such acts and things as he may deem necessary for extinguishing fire in any such building, or for protecting the same, or for rescuing any person or property therein from fire, floodwater or other hazard.

PART V

DISCIPLINE

Suspension or interdiction of gazetted officers LN 46A of 1978

31. A gazetted officer suspended or interdicted under the provisions of the General Orders of Solomon Islands shall not by reason of such suspension or interdiction cease to be a police officer:

Provided that the powers, privileges and benefits vested in him as a police officer shall be in abeyance during the period of such suspension or interdiction but he shall remain subject to the same responsibilities, discipline and penalties and to the same authority as if he had not been suspended or interdicted.

Interdiction of Inspectors and subordinate officers

32.—(1) The Commissioner may interdict from duty any Inspector or subordinate officer pending any investigation or inquiry into, or trial of, any offence against discipline under this Act or any offence against any written law, and pending the determination of any appeal.

(2) A police officer interdicted from duty under this section shall not by reason of such interdiction cease to be a police officer:

Provided that the powers, privileges and benefits vested in him as a police officer shall during his interdiction be in abeyance but he shall remain subject to the same responsibilities, discipline and penalties and to the same authority as if he had not been interdicted.

(3) A police officer interdicted from duty under this section shall not, save as is hereinafter provided, be entitled to receive any pay in respect of the period of such interdiction:

Provided that —

(a) he shall be allowed to receive such portion of his pay not being less than one half as the Commissioner may think fit; and

(b) if the proceedings against any such officer do not result in the dismissal of the officer, he shall be entitled to the full amount of the emoluments which he would have received if he had not been interdicted.

Offences by police officers

33.—(1) Any police officer who —

(a) begins, excites, causes or joins in any mutiny or sedition amongst the Force, or does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress such mutiny or sedition, or conspires with any other person to cause any mutiny or sedition, or being cognisant of any mutiny or sedition, or intended mutiny or sedition, does not without delay give information thereof to his superior officer; or

(b) strikes or offers violence to his superior officer, such superior officer acting in the execution of his duty, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for three years.

(2) Any police officer who —

(a) deserts;

(b) persuades, procures or assists any police officer to desert, or being cognisant of any such desertion, or intended desertion, does not without delay give information thereof to his superior officer;

(c) knowing that any police officer has deserted or intends to desert, does not without delay give information to his superior officer; or

(d) being present at any assemblage tending to riot, does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress such assemblage,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) No police officer shall be found guilty of the offence of desertion unless the court is satisfied that there was an intention on the part of the police officer not to return to the Force.

(4) Any police officer who absents himself from duty without leave or reasonable cause for a period exceeding twenty-eight days, shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have had the intention not to return to the Force.

(5) Upon reasonable suspicion that any person is a deserter, any police officer may arrest him without warrant.

Offences against
discipline

34. Any police officer, other than a gazetted officer, who commits any offence against discipline as may be prescribed under this Act shall be liable to suffer punishment in accordance with the provisions of this Act:

Provided that —

(a) nothing in this connection shall be construed to exempt any such officer from being proceeded against for any offence by any other process of law;

(b) no such officer shall be punished twice for the same offence.

Power of arrest

35.—(1) Any police officer may arrest without warrant any police officer not being an officer of his own or of a higher rank who is accused of any offence against discipline under this Act.

(2) A police officer, other than a commanding officer, effecting an arrest under this section shall forthwith bring the accused person before a commanding officer or in the absence of such an officer before the most senior police officer readily accessible.

Trial and
punishment of
offences against
discipline

36.—(1) Any offence against discipline under this Act may be inquired into and dealt with, in the case of any officer other than a gazetted officer, by the Commissioner, and, in the case of a subordinate officer, by any commanding officer.

(2) The Commissioner shall have the power to impose any one or more of the following punishments: —

- (i) reprimand;
- (ii) severe reprimand;
- (iii) fine not exceeding ten days' pay;
- (iv) reduction in rank;
- (v) dismissal;
- (vi) in the case of a subordinate officer, confinement to quarters for any period not exceeding fourteen days with or without extra guards, fatigues or other duty.

(3) A commanding officer shall have power to impose any one or more of the following punishments on any subordinate officer: —

- (i) reprimand;

- (ii) confinement to quarters for any period not exceeding seven days with or without extra guards, fatigues or other duty;
- (iii) fine not exceeding five days' pay.

(4) No police officer shall be convicted of an offence against discipline unless the charge has been read and inquired into in his presence and he has been given sufficient opportunity to make his defence thereto.

(5) Any police officer upon whom a punishment is inflicted which entitles him to appeal to the Police and Prisons Service Commission under section 38 shall, at the time when such punishment is imposed, be informed of his right of appeal.

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37.—(1) The Commissioner shall have power to review all disciplinary proceedings under this Act, other than proceedings conducted by himself.

Review by
Commissioner

(2) Upon review, the Commissioner, if he thinks that such proceedings ought to be revised, shall have power —

- (a) to quash the finding;
- (b) to alter the finding and find the accused guilty of another offence;
- (c) with or without altering the finding —
 - (i) to reduce or increase the punishment;
 - (ii) with or without such reduction or increase, to alter the nature of the punishment; or
- (d) to remit the proceedings to the officer who heard them, or to another officer for rehearing:

Provided that the Commissioner shall not —

- (i) impose any punishment which the officer who conducted the proceedings was not empowered to impose;
- (ii) increase any punishment without giving the accused an opportunity of making representations either orally or in writing as the accused may decide.

38.—(1) Any police officer upon whom the Commissioner has imposed any punishment which includes —

Appeal
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- (a) reduction in rank; or
- (b) dismissal,

may appeal in the manner hereinafter provided to the Police and Prisons Service Commission against either the finding or the punishment or both, and the Police and Prisons Service Commission may confirm, set aside or vary the finding and confirm, set aside, reduce, suspend or otherwise vary the punishment:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as empowering the award of any greater punishment than could have been awarded by the officer inflicting the punishment.

(2) An appeal under subsection (1) may be made by lodging with the Secretary to the Police and Prisons Service Commission within seven days after the imposition of the punishment a written statement of the intention to appeal and of the grounds thereof:

Provided that the Chairman of the Police and Prisons Service Commission may in his discretion extend the time within which an appeal may be so lodged.

(3) Any police officer upon whom any commanding officer other than the Commissioner has imposed any punishment for the commission of an offence against discipline may within seven days of the imposition of the punishment, or such further time as the Commissioner may allow, appeal to the Commissioner, who, for the purpose of disposing of such appeal, shall have all the powers provided in section 37(2).

39.—(1) A commanding officer shall, for the purpose of inquiring into any offence against discipline, or for the purpose of disposing of any appeal under section 38(3), have power to summon and examine witnesses on oath or affirmation and to require the production of all documents relevant to the inquiry or appeal, and to adjourn such proceedings from time to time.

(2) Any person summoned as a witness under subsection (1) who fails to attend at the time and place mentioned in the summons, or an adjournment, or refuses to answer any question that is lawfully put to him, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of twenty dollars or to imprisonment for one month, or to both such fine and such imprisonment:

Provided that no such witness shall be obliged to answer any question which may tend to incriminate him or render him liable to any forfeiture or penalty.

Power to
summon
witnesses

40. In any case where a police officer has upon inquiry been found to have committed an offence against discipline and where it appears to the officer conducting the inquiry that, by reason of the gravity of the offence or by reason of previous offences or for any other reason, the offender would not be adequately punished by any of the punishments he is empowered to impose, such officer shall record any statement which the offender wishes to make in mitigation and shall stay the proceedings and transmit them to the Commissioner, and the Commissioner may impose such punishment as he deems to be warranted or he may direct that the case be dealt with by the officer who transmitted it:

Provided that when no statement in mitigation has been recorded, the Commissioner shall give the offender an opportunity of making representations to him either orally or in writing as the Commissioner in his discretion shall direct.

41.—(1) The Commissioner may by order reduce in rank, or may dismiss from the Force, any police officer, other than a gazetted officer, who has been convicted by any court in respect of any offence, whether against this Act or otherwise, unless such officer has successfully appealed from such conviction.

(2) Any police officer who is aggrieved by an order of the Commissioner made under subsection (1) may appeal to the Police and Prisons Service Commission under section 38(1).

42. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act or the General Orders of Solomon Islands, the Commissioner may summarily administer an admonishment or reprimand to any police officer in the case of minor misconduct.

43.—(1) All fines imposed on a police officer in respect of offences against discipline under this Act may be recovered by stoppage of such officer's pay.

(2) The amount of stoppage in respect of any fine or for any other cause authorised by this Act shall be in the discretion of the officer by whom the fine was imposed or the cause dealt with, as the case may be, but shall in no case exceed one-third of the offender's monthly pay; and whenever more than one order of stoppage is in force against the same person so much only of his pay shall be stopped as shall leave him a residue of at least two-thirds of his monthly pay.

(3) Where more than one order of stoppage is made upon the same person, the orders later in date shall, if necessary, be post-

Procedure in
cases of grave or
repeated offences

Dismissal and
reduction in
rank of police
officers
convicted by
court

Summary
admonishment
and reprimand
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Fines to be
recovered by
stoppage of pay

poned as to their enforcement until the earlier orders have been discharged.

Loss or damage to arms and equipment to be made good by stoppage of pay

44. If any police officer pawns, sells, loses by neglect, makes away with or wilfully or by neglect damages any arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing or other appointments supplied to him or any Government property committed to his charge he may, in addition to or in lieu of any other punishment, be ordered to make good either partially or wholly the amount of such loss or damage, and such amount may be recovered by stoppage from his pay, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of section 43:

Provided that no such amount shall be ordered to be made good if it exceeds one-third of the officer's monthly pay unless the officer admits liability to make good that amount.

Pay not to accrue during absence without leave or imprisonment
LN 46A of 1978

45. Subject to General Orders of the Solomon Islands, no pay shall accrue to any police officer in respect of any period exceeding twenty-four hours during which he is absent from duty without leave, or is undergoing any sentence of imprisonment, either for any offence against discipline or for any other offence whatsoever:

Provided that in any case the Commissioner may in his discretion authorise the payment of such proportion of pay, not being more than two-thirds, as he may think fit.

Place of confinement of offenders

46. Any police officer arrested for any offence against discipline under the provisions of this Act may be confined to his quarters, or in any building or part thereof set apart as a guard room or cell, or in any other suitable premises under the control of the Force.

PART VI

POLICE FUND

Police Fund
LN 46A of 1978

47.—(1) There shall be established a fund to be known as the Police Fund.

(2) Such fund shall consist of—

- (a) fines inflicted on police officers under the powers conferred by this Act;
- (b) donations offered to the fund and accepted by the Commissioner; and
- (c) such sums as may be voted by the National Parliament.

(3) Subject to any regulations made under this Act, the Police Fund shall be administered by the Commissioner, and shall be applied for the purpose of—

(a) assistance to the wives or families of deceased police officers or special constables other than gazetted officers, or to any police officer or special constable discharged from the Force as medically unfit for further service;

(b) contributions towards prizes to be given at athletic meetings and similar events organised by or for the benefit of the Force;

(c) purchase of ammunition for the encouragement of range practice amongst police officers or special constables;

(d) payments to police officers or special constables, other than gazetted officers, as rewards for meritorious acts or service in the execution of duty, if such payments are not met from public funds;

(e) expenditure for the benefit and advancement of authorised recreation and sport and other branches of police activity organised within the Force;

(f) any other purpose which the Commissioner considers to be for the general welfare of police officers or special constables.

(4) In this section "police officer" includes any member of a police force present in Solomon Islands under the provisions of Part VIII.

(5) Upon the coming into force of this Act all monies comprised in the Police Rewards and Fines Fund constituted by the Police Act repealed by this Act shall be deemed to be transferred to and shall form part of the Police Fund constituted by this Act.

Cap. 36, 1969
Edition

PART VII

GENERAL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

48. Any person not being a police officer or special constable who is found in possession of any article whatsoever which has been supplied to any police officer or special constable for the execution of his duty, or any medal or decoration granted to any police officer or special constable for service or good conduct, and who fails to account satisfactorily for the possession thereof, or who without due authority purchases or receives any such article, medal or decoration from any police officer or special

Unlawful possession of articles supplied to police officers

constable or who aids or abets any police officer or special constable to sell or dispose of any such article, medal or decoration, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Penalty for assaulting, etc. police officer in execution of duty, or misleading officer by false information

49. Any person who assaults or resists any police officer acting in the execution of his duty, or aids or incites any person so to assault or resist, or refuses to assist any such officer in the execution of his duty when called upon to do so, or who, by the giving of false information with intent to defeat or delay the ends of justice, wilfully misleads or attempts to mislead any such officer, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Penalty for making false report of commission of offence, etc.

50. Any person who knowingly —

(a) makes or causes to be made to any police officer a false report of the commission of any offence; or

(b) misleads any police officer by giving false information or by making false statements or accusations,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Penalty on persons causing disaffection, etc.

51.—(1) Any person who causes or attempts to cause or does any act calculated to cause disaffection amongst police officers or special constables or induces or attempts to induce or does any act calculated to induce any police officer or constable to withhold his services or to commit any breach of discipline shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of four hundred dollars or to imprisonment for two years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(2) Any police officer not below the rank of Inspector may, without warrant, arrest any person who is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence under this section.

(3) In this section, "police officer" includes any member of the police force of a neighbouring territory present in Solomon Islands under the provisions of Part VIII.

Penalty for disorderly conduct in police station, etc.

52. Any person who, in any police station, police post or cell, or in any part of a police compound to which the public has access, is guilty of any riotous, indecent, disorderly or insulting behaviour shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of

eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

53. Nothing in this Act shall exempt any person from being proceeded against under any other law, in respect of any offence made punishable by this Act, or from being liable under any other law to any other higher penalty or punishment than is provided for such an offence by this Act;

Power to prosecute under other laws not to be affected

Provided that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

PART VIII

RECIPROCAL PROVISIONS AS TO SERVICE IN NEIGHBOURING TERRITORIES

54. For the purposes of this Part, the expression "neighbouring territory" means any territory which the Prime Minister may, by notice, declare to be a neighbouring territory for the purposes of this Part:

Neighbouring territory defined LN 46A of 1978

Provided that no such notice shall be published in respect of any territory unless and until the Prime Minister is satisfied that satisfactory arrangements have been or will be made for the inclusion in the law of that territory of provisions reciprocal to those of this Part.

55. The Prime Minister acting in his discretion may, on the application of the Government of a neighbouring territory, order such number of police officers as he may think fit to proceed to such territory for service therein.

Power to order service outside Solomon Islands

56. Where a police officer is punished under the law of a neighbouring territory, or under any provisions of this Act applied by the law of such territory to a police officer whilst serving therein, for any offence (whether against discipline or otherwise) committed whilst such officer was serving therein in pursuance of an order under section 55 he shall be deemed for all purposes to have been so punished in Solomon Islands for a like offence committed within Solomon Islands.

Effect of punishment of police officer in neighbouring territory

57. Whenever any police officers from the police force of a neighbouring territory are present in Solomon Islands in response to an application made by the Prime Minister for the purpose of assisting the Force in a temporary emergency, the following provisions shall have effect with regard to such officers: —

Provisions as to officers of neighbouring territory serving in Solomon Islands LN 46A of 1978

(a) they shall be under the orders of their own officers present with them (if any), subject, however, to the command of the Commissioner;

(b) they shall have and may exercise the powers, and shall be liable to perform the duties, of police officers of equivalent rank in the Force, and shall for those purposes be deemed to be members of the Force;

(c) the provisions of any law affecting the discipline, punishment or terms and conditions of service of such officers whilst serving in such neighbouring territory shall, so far as circumstances admit, be applied in Solomon Islands as if such law were part of the general law of Solomon Islands:

Provided that—

(i) no such law as aforesaid shall be interpreted in its application within the Solomon Islands as conferring any power on any officer of the Force to punish any officer of the police force of the neighbouring territory for any offence against discipline;

(ii) where any such law confers on a court of the neighbouring territory jurisdiction to try and punish any such offence as aforesaid, such jurisdiction may be exercised by a court possessing comparable jurisdiction within Solomon Islands;

(d) any contract of service between any such officer and the Government of the neighbouring territory may be enforced in Solomon Islands in the same manner and with the like effect as if it were made between the officer and the Government of Solomon Islands.

PART IX

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Previous force to
continue
Cap. 36, 1969
Edition

58.—(1) The force of special constables established under the Police Act repealed by this Act, shall continue in being, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act and shall be known as the Special Constabulary.

(2) The members of the Special Constabulary shall be known as special constables.

59. The Special Constabulary shall consist of such number of special constables of or above the rank of Assistant Superintendent as the Police and Prisons Service Commission may in its discretion appoint, and of such special constables of other ranks as the Commissioner may appoint.

Composition of
Constabulary
LN 46A of 1978
LN 88 of 1978

60. The Commissioner shall have the command, superintendence and direction of the Special Constabulary.

Commissioner to
command
Constabulary
LN 46A of 1978
LN 88 of 1978

61. Every special constable shall on being appointed make before the Commissioner or any gazetted officer a declaration on oath or affirmation in the form specified in the Schedule.

Declaration to be
made by special
constables
Schedule

62. A certificate of appointment, in such form as may be determined by the Commissioner, signed by the Commissioner or by any gazetted officer authorised by him in that behalf, shall be issued to every special constable and shall be evidence of his appointment under this Act.

Certificate of
appointment

63. The Commissioner may call upon any special constable to carry out training and part-time duties of such nature and for such periods as he may deem fit.

Training and
duties

64.—(1) For any purpose connected with the peace and good order of Solomon Islands, the Commissioner may, with the prior approval of the Prime Minister acting in his discretion, by order call out the Special Constabulary or any part or member thereof for active service and such active service shall continue until an order is made by the Commissioner, with the prior approval of the Prime Minister acting in his discretion, specifying the date of the termination of such service.

Calling out for
active service

(2) For the purpose of assisting the Force, the Commissioner may by departmental order call out the Special Constabulary or any part or member thereof for duty for a period to be specified in such order.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), the Commissioner may direct any member called out for active service or duty—

(a) to stand down from active service or duty; and

(b) to report back for active service or duty at such place and on such date and at such time as may be directed.

(4) On receipt of a direction under paragraph (a) of subsection

(3), such member shall be deemed to have ceased to be engaged on active service and, on receipt of a direction under paragraph (b) of that subsection, such member shall be deemed to have been called out in pursuance of a new order under subsection (1).

(5) Any special constable on being called out for active service under the provisions of this section who, unless he satisfies the court that he was prevented by sickness or such other unavoidable cause as may in the opinion of the court be sufficient excuse, refuses or neglects to serve shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Powers,
privileges and
protection of
special
constables
Cap. 107

65.—(1) Every special constable while on duty or during training shall have the same powers, privileges (other than rights under the Pensions Act except as provided in section 70 of this Act) and protection, including the carrying of arms, and shall be liable to perform the same duties as a police officer.

(2) Every special constable shall be subordinate to the same authorities as a police officer and to special constables of superior rank to himself.

Pay and
allowances, etc

66.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a special constable shall serve voluntarily and shall not be entitled to claim or receive any remuneration for his services other than such allowances and gratuity payable from public funds as may from time to time be prescribed.

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(2) A special constable, when called out for active service under section 64, shall receive such pay and allowances as may be prescribed by order by the Prime Minister acting in his discretion.

Clothing and
equipment, etc.
for special
constables
LN 46A of 1978

67. The Commissioner may provide, at the public expense for the use of special constables, such arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing and appointments as are necessary for the proper carrying out of the duties of their office:

Provided that no firearms shall be provided save under and in accordance with the general or special directions of the Prime Minister acting in his discretion.

Offences against
discipline

68. Any special constable who commits any offence against discipline as may be prescribed under this Act shall be liable to suffer punishment in accordance with the next succeeding section:

Provided that—

(a) nothing in this connection shall be construed to exempt any special constable from being proceeded against for any offence by any other process of law;

(b) no special constable shall be punished twice for the same offence.

69. For the purpose of the trial of offences against discipline the Commissioner, or any gazetted officer or special constable of or above the rank of Assistant Superintendent duly authorised by him, shall have power to impose any of the following punishments:—

- (a) reprimand;
- (b) severe reprimand;
- (c) reduction in rank;
- (d) dismissal:

Provided that any punishment of reduction in rank or dismissal imposed on any special constable by such an officer or special constable, shall not take effect until confirmed by the Commissioner who may confirm, vary or quash the punishment so imposed.

70.—(1) If any special constable is temporarily incapacitated by reason of any wound or injury received or sickness contracted by him in the performance of any duty or training by him under this Act and such wound or injury is received or such sickness is contracted in the actual discharge of his duty as a special constable and without his own default, he shall be eligible to receive free medical treatment therefor and full pay for the period of such incapacity.

(2) If any special constable receives any permanent disablement attributable to any wound or injury received or sickness contracted by him in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1), the Governor-General may in his discretion award to such special constable such gratuity or pension as to him may seem just.

(3) If any special constable is killed or dies as a result of any wound or injury received or sickness contracted by him in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1), the Governor-General may in his discretion grant to the dependants of such special constable such pension or allowance as to him may seem just.

Trial of offences
against discipline

Illness, bodily
injury, damage to
property, or
death
LN 46A of 1978

(4) If the property of any special constable is damaged during the performance of any duty or training by him under this Act, such property being damaged without his default and on account of circumstances specifically attributable to the nature of his duties as a special constable, the Governor-General may in his discretion award such special constable such compensation as to him may seem just.

(5) The Governor-General shall not award to any special constable or to the dependants of any special constable any gratuity, pension or allowance under subsections (2) or (3) if such special constable or such dependants is or are eligible to receive a gratuity, pension or other allowance in respect of the same disablement or death under the Pensions Act.

Cap. 107

(6) A special constable shall not in respect of such appointment be regarded as a workman for the purpose of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Cap. 78

(7) A gratuity, pension, allowance or any compensation paid under this section shall not be assignable or transferable nor liable to be attached, sequestered or levied upon except for the purpose of satisfying —

(a) a debt due to the Crown; or

(b) an order of any court for the payment of periodical sums of money towards the maintenance of the wife or former wife or minor child of the person to whom the pension, gratuity or other allowance has been granted.

71.—(1) A special constable may resign his appointment at any time by giving one month's notice in writing, in the case of a special constable of or above the rank of Assistant Superintendent, to the Governor-General, and in all other cases to the Commissioner:

Provided that the Governor-General acting in his discretion, or the Commissioner, as the case may be, may waive the provisions of this subsection regarding the period of notice to be given:

Provided further that in time of war, emergency or civil commotion or during any other period when the Commissioner considers it necessary to employ the Special Constabulary or any part or member thereof for the preservation of the public peace, a special constable may not resign without the permission of the Commissioner.

Resignation and
termination of
appointment
LN 46A of 1978

(2) The Police and Prisons Services Commission, in the case of a special constable of or above the rank of Assistant Superintendent, or the Commissioner in all other cases, may terminate the appointment of any special constable whose services are no longer required, and shall forthwith give notice thereof in writing to the special constable concerned.

(3) Every special constable shall, within one week of his resignation or of the receipt of the notice terminating his appointment under subsection (2), deliver up to such person at such time and place as may be stated in such notice as aforesaid, or to one of his superior officers, his certificate of appointment and all arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing and appointments whatsoever which have been supplied to him under this Act and which are the property of the Government.

(4) Any special constable who, having ceased to belong to the Special Constabulary, fails without good cause to comply with the provisions of subsection (3) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of eighty dollars or to imprisonment for two months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

PART X

MISCELLANEOUS

72. The Prime Minister may in his discretion make such regulations as may seem to him expedient for the good order and government of the Force and for carrying into effect any of the purposes or provisions of this Act and, without derogation from the generality of the foregoing, for all or any of the following purposes: —

Regulations
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(a) the numerical establishment of the Force, the conditions of service therein and for the various grades, ranks and appointments therein;

(b) the duties to be performed by members of the Force and for their guidance in the discharge of such duties;

(c) the pay, retirement benefits and allowances of members of the Force;

(d) prescribing anything required to be prescribed under this Act;

(e) the description and issue of arms, ammunition, accoutrements, uniforms and necessaries to be supplied under this Act;

(f) the control, administration and application of the Police Fund;

(g) the discipline of members of the Force and offences against discipline; and

(h) regulating the procedure in inquiries into offences against discipline under this Act.

Special duty and expenses thereof

73.—(1) On the application of any person, the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, detail any police officer to perform special police services in, upon or about any place, premises, business or vessel specified by the applicant.

(2) The applicant shall pay to the Commissioner for the services of any such officer so detailed such fees as may be prescribed from time to time or, if and so far as no such fees have been prescribed, then, as the Commissioner may think fit.

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(3) All fees so received by the Commissioner shall be paid by him into the Treasury forthwith, and every sum of money due for such services shall be deemed a debt due to the Crown and be recoverable by the Chief Accountant by summons returnable before any Magistrate.

SCHEDULE (Sections 11 and 61)

FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I Swear by Almighty God* that I will well and faithfully serve Her Majesty and Her Heirs and Successors according to law as a Police Officer, that I will obey, uphold and maintain the laws of Solomon Islands, that I will execute the powers and duties of my office honestly, faithfully and diligently without fear or favour to any person and with malice or illwill towards none and that I will obey without question all lawful orders of those set in authority over me.

Sworn*)
Affirmed* at)
this day of)
19,)
Signature of officer taking the)
oath or making the affirmation.)
Before me)

*Delete as necessary.

CHAPTER 110

POLICE

Subsidiary Legislation

THE POLICE (CONSTITUTION OF FORCE) ORDER (Section 4)

LN 29/1980

[1st April 1980]

1. This Order may be cited as the Police (Constitution of Force) Order.

2. The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force shall, in addition to the ranks of Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police, consist of the following ranks: —

- Assistant Commissioner
Senior Superintendent
Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Inspector
Station Sergeant
Sergeant
Constable

THE POLICE (SENIOR OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION) ORDER (Section 15(1))

LN 6/1976

[8th November 1973]

1. This Order may be cited as the Police (Senior Officers' Association) Order.

Citation

2. In this Order —
'Association' means the Senior Police Officers' Association established by paragraph 3;
'Central Committee' means the Central Committee established under paragraph 5.

Interpretation

3. There is hereby established an association to be known as the Senior Police Officers' Association, the objects of which shall be to enable gazetted officers and Inspectors to bring to the notice of the Government any matter affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than matters of discipline or promotion.

Establishment of Association

Membership of
Association

4. All gazetted officers and Inspectors are hereby declared to be members of the Association.

Central
Committee

5. There shall be established a Central Committee through which the Association shall act.

Constitution of
Central
Committee

6.—(1) The Central Committee shall consist of five members of the Association of whom two shall be gazetted officers and three shall be Inspectors.

(2) Annual elections to the Central Committee shall be held in the manner hereinafter provided in the month of January in each year or such other month as may be approved from time to time by the Prime Minister in his discretion:

Provided that—

(a) if at any time the Central Committee has no, or less than three members, elections shall be held as soon as practicable for the election of the whole Committee; and

(b) if elections have been held in pursuance of paragraph (a) during the six months preceding the month of January in any year, annual elections shall not be held in that year but shall be held in the month of January in the following year or any such other month in that year as the Prime Minister may in his discretion direct.

(3) The Central Committee shall hold its first meeting within three months of its election, on a day to be fixed by the Commissioner:

Provided that no meeting shall last for more than one day, nor shall more than two meetings be held in any one year, without the consent of the Commissioner.

(4) The Central Committee shall, at its first meeting, elect from its members a Chairman and a Secretary.

(5) The members of the Central Committee and the officers elected under sub-paragraph (4) shall except upon resignation accepted by the Commissioner or ceasing to be gazetted officers or Inspectors, as the case may be, hold office from the first meeting following the election of the Committee until the first meeting of the next Committee following the election of that Committee.

Election of
Central
Committee

7.—(1) All elections of members of the Central Committee shall be conducted in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

(2) Every member of the Association shall have a right to vote at the election of members of the Central Committee.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Order and the directions of the Commissioner, the Central Committee shall, by nomination of persons qualified to be elected to the vacancy, fill every vacancy caused by resignation or by a member ceasing to be a gazetted officer or Inspector.

8.—(1) The Chairman at any meeting of the Central Committee shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

(2) The quorum at a meeting of the Central Committee shall be three.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Central Committee may regulate its own procedure, including the appointment of committees and sub-committees.

(4) The Secretary of the Central Committee shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Committee and shall within thirty days after each such meeting forward two copies of the minutes thereof to the Commissioner and one copy thereof to each member of the Central Committee

9. The Central Committee may at any time submit representations in writing to the Commissioner and, through the Commissioner, to the Prime Minister and shall consider and report upon any matters referred to it by the Commissioner or by the Prime Minister:

Provided that all such representations and reports shall be submitted in such manner as the Commissioner may from time to time direct.

10. Except where a gazetted officer or Inspector is required for duty for which no substitute is available, leave shall be given for attendance at all meetings held under the provisions of this Order, and every such attendance shall be deemed to be an occasion of duty.

11.—(1) The Commissioner, with the prior approval of the Prime Minister, may at any time suspend the Central Committee if he considers that the overall interests of the Force so require.

(2) The suspension of the Central Committee shall include the suspension of any committee or sub-committee appointed by the Central Committee.

Procedure and
quorum

Representations
by Central
Committee

Facilities for
meetings

Suspension of
Central
Committee

LN 7/1976

THE POLICE (SUBORDINATE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION) ORDER
(Section 15(1))

[8th November 1973]

- Citation 1. This Order may be cited as the Police (Subordinate Officers' Association) Order
- Interpretation 2. In this Order—
 "Association" means the Subordinate Police Officers' Association established by paragraph 3;
 "Central Committee" means the Central Committee established under paragraph 5.
- Establishment of Association 3. There is hereby established an association to be known as the Subordinate Police Officers' Association, the objects of which shall be to enable subordinate officers to bring to the notice of the Government any matter affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than matters of discipline or promotion.
- Membership of Association 4. All subordinate officers are hereby declared to be members of the Association.
- Central Committee 5. There shall be established a Central Committee through which the Association shall act.
- Constitution of Central Committee 6.—(1) The Central Committee shall consist of the following members of the Association:—
 (a) four to be elected from their number by members of the Association serving in the Central Province;
 (b) two to be elected from their number by members of the Association serving in the Malaita Province;
 (c) two to be elected from their number by members of the Association serving in the Western Province; and
 (d) one to be elected from their number by members of the Association serving in the Eastern Province.
 (2) Annual elections to the Central Committee shall be held in the manner hereinafter provided in the month of January in each year or such other month as may be approved from time to time by the Prime Minister in his discretion:
 Provided that—
 (a) if at any time the Central Committee has no, or less

than six members, elections shall be held as soon as practicable for the election of the whole Committee; and

(b) if elections have been held in pursuance of paragraph (a) during the six months preceding the month of January in any year, annual elections shall not be held in that year but shall be held in the month of January in the following year or any such other month in that year as the Prime Minister may in his discretion direct.

(3) The Central Committee shall hold its first meeting within three months of its election, on a day to be fixed by the Commissioner:

Provided that no meeting shall last for more than one day, nor shall more than two meetings be held in any one year, without the consent of the Commissioner.

(4) The Central Committee shall, at its first meeting, elect from its members a Chairman and a Secretary.

(5) The members of the Central Committee and the officers elected under sub-paragraph (4) shall, except upon resignation accepted by the Commissioner or ceasing to be subordinate officers, hold office from the first meeting following the election of the Committee until the first meeting of the next Committee following the election of that Committee.

7.—(1) All elections of members of the Central Committee shall be conducted in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

Election of
Central
Committee

(2) Every member of the Association serving in each province shall have a right to vote at the election of members of the Central Committee to represent such province.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Order and to the directions of the Commissioner, the Central Committee shall, by nomination of persons qualified to be elected to the vacancy, fill any vacancy caused by resignation or by a member ceasing to be a subordinate officer or ceasing to serve in the district from which elected.

8.—(1) The Chairman at any meeting of the Central Committee shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

Procedure and
quorum

(2) The quorum at a meeting of the Central Committee shall be six.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Central

Committee may regulate its own procedure, including the appointment of committees and sub-committees.

(4) The Secretary of the Central Committee shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Committee and shall within thirty days after each such meeting forward two copies of the minutes thereof to the Commissioner and one copy thereof to each member of the Central Committee.

Representations
by Central
Committee

9. The Central Committee may at any time submit representations in writing to the Commissioner and, through the Commissioner, to the Prime Minister and shall consider and report upon any matters referred to it by the Commissioner or by the Prime Minister:

Provided that all such representations and reports shall be submitted in such manner as the Commissioner may from time to time direct.

Facilities for
meetings

10. Except where a subordinate officer is required for duty for which no substitute is available, leave shall be given for attendance at all meetings held under the provisions of this Order, and every such attendance shall be deemed to be an occasion of duty.

Suspension of
Central
Committee

11.—(1) The Commissioner, with the prior approval of the Prime Minister acting in his discretion, may at any time suspend the Central Committee if he considers that the overall interests of the Force so require.

(2) The suspension of the Central Committee shall include the suspension of any committee or sub-committee appointed by the Central Committee.

THE POLICE REGULATIONS
(Section 72)

[14th July 1972]

LN 37/1972
LN 14/1976
LN 100/1976
LN 17/1981
LN 76/1988
LN 97/1988
LN 39/1992
LN 87/1995
Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police Regulations.

2. No person shall be enlisted in the Force unless —

Enlistment
requirements

(a) he is of or above the age of eighteen years and under the age of twenty-eight years;

(b) his height is not less than five feet six inches; and

(c) he has subjected himself to medical examination by a medical officer and has been certified by such medical officer to be physically fit for service in the Force:

Provided that the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, waive the requirements of paragraphs (a) or (b).

3. Special allowances of the type specified in the first column of the First Schedule shall be payable at the discretion of the Commissioner to police officers of the ranks and at the rates respectively specified in relation thereto in the second and third columns of that Schedule.

Special
allowances
First Schedule

4.—(1) Police officers and special constables shall be issued with such equipment, clothing and appointments, including cleaning materials, as may from time to time be determined by the Commissioner.

Issue of
equipment, etc.

(2) All equipment, clothing and appointments issued to any police officer or special constable shall be used for police purposes only.

5. Any Police officer who —

Offences against
discipline
LN 17/1981

(a) is disrespectful in word, act or demeanour to any of his superior officers;

(b) wilfully disobeys any lawful order;

(c) is guilty of drunkenness;

(d) renders himself unfit for duty through intoxication;

(e) without cause fails to appear or appears late for duty;

(f) sleeps at his post or leaves his post before he is relieved, except in fresh pursuit of an offender whom it is his duty to apprehend;

- (g) being under arrest or in confinement leaves or escapes from his arrest or confinement before he is set at liberty by proper authority;
- (h) disobeys a lawful order to apprehend or to assist in the apprehension of any person;
- (i) negligently allows any prisoner who is committed to his charge, or whom it is his duty to keep or guard, to escape;
- (j) offers or uses unwarrantable personal violence to or ill-treats any person in his custody;
- (k) is guilty of cowardice;
- (l) discharges any arms without just cause or contrary to orders;
- (m) pawns, sells, loses by neglect, makes away with, wilfully damages or fails to report any damage to arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing or other appointments supplied to him or any other public property committed to his charge;
- (n) is slovenly, inattentive, uncivil or quarrelsome;
- (o) parades for duty dirty or untidy in his person, arms, clothing or equipment;
- (p) without due authority discloses or conveys any information concerning any investigation or any other matter with which he is concerned in the course of his duties as a police officer;
- (q) malingers, or feigns or wilfully produces any disease or infirmity;
- (r) is guilty of wilful misconduct, or wilfully disobeys any order, by which misconduct or disobedience he produces or aggravates any disease or infirmity or delays its cure;
- (s) incurs debt beyond his means;
- (t) resists or escapes from an escort whose duty it is to apprehend him or have him in charge;
- (u) breaks out of any police quarter or station in which he has been lawfully confined;
- (v) wilfully makes any false statement upon joining the Force;
- (w) in the course of his duty, wilfully makes a statement which is false in a material particular;

- (x) refuses or neglects to make or send a report or return which it is his duty to make or send;
- (y) knowingly makes a false accusation against any other police officer or any other person;
- (z) in making a complaint against any other police officer or any other person makes a statement affecting the character of such police officer or other person knowing such statement to be false, or knowingly or wilfully suppresses any material fact in making any such complaint;
- (aa) engages in any trade, business, employment or office outside the scope of his police duties without the authority of the Commissioner;
- (bb) takes any active part in any political organisation or electoral campaign or engages in any other activity which is likely to interfere with the impartial discharge of his duties as a police officer;
- (cc) becomes security for any person or engages in any loan transaction with any person without the permission in writing of the Commissioner;
- (dd) if called upon by any gazetted officer to furnish a full and true statement of his financial position, fails to do so; or
- (ee) is guilty of any other act, conduct, disorder or neglect to the prejudice of good order and discipline,
- shall be guilty of an offence against discipline for the purposes of section 34 of the Act.

6. The following procedure shall be followed in inquiries into offences against discipline under section 36 of the Act: —

- (a) the officer charged with an offence against discipline (hereinafter referred to as the accused) shall be supplied with a copy of the charge prior to the hearing;
- (b) no documentary evidence shall be used in any such proceedings unless the accused has been given access thereto prior to the hearing;
- (c) the evidence of any witness taken during the course of the proceedings shall be recorded in the presence of the accused;
- (d) the evidence given at the proceedings need not be taken down in full but the substance thereof shall be recorded in writing and read over to the accused;

Procedure in
inquiries into
offences against
discipline

(e) the accused shall have the right to cross-examine each witness giving evidence against him and after each such witness has given evidence he shall be asked if he desires to cross-examine such witness;

(f) the accused shall be asked if he desires to give evidence in his own defence and to call witnesses and, if he does so desire, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to do so;

(g) in disciplinary proceedings before him the Commissioner may, as he thinks fit, allow the accused to be assisted by a gazetted officer and, when such permission is given, his defence may be conducted by such gazetted officer.

Gratuity
LN 14/1976

7. Every special constable shall, at the end of each consecutive period of twelve months from the date of his appointment as a special constable, be entitled to receive an allowance in respect of each parade in which he has participated at the rate specified in the Second Schedule if, during such period, he has, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, participated in such number of training parades as may have been prescribed by the Commissioner for special constables.

Second Schedule

Allowances

8. Special constables may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be granted allowances, including touring allowances, at the same rates as are applicable to police officers holding equivalent rank.

Private
employment

9. No special constable shall allow himself, in his capacity as a special constable, to be employed by any private person.

Communications
complaints
grievances and
petitions

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every Inspector, subordinate officer and special constable shall be entitled to make any complaint or application, either orally or in writing, to his superior officer who shall, on the request of the officer or special constable making such complaint or application, forward the same to the Commissioner without delay.

(2) No Inspector or subordinate officer or any special constable shall —

(a) together with any other such officer or special constable prepare or sign any complaint, petition or statement of grievances in relation to any matter concerning the Force;

(b) petition the Prime Minister in relation to any complaint or grievance unless such complaint or grievance has been communicated in writing through his superior officer to the Commissioner and the reply of the Commissioner relating to such complaint or grievance has been communicated to the officer or special constable making the same; or

(c) put forward any anonymous communication whatsoever to any officer in the Force or the Special Constabulary.

11. Responsibility for loss or damage to property, however caused, during the performance of special police services under section 73 of the Act shall not be assignable to the Government, or to the Commissioner.

Non-liability for
loss, etc.

12.—(1) Fees for the performance of special police services under section 73 of the Act shall be charged at the rates specified in the Third Schedule

Fees for special
police services
Third Schedule

(2) Fees for such services shall be charged from the time the police officer leaves his station to assume the duty for which he has been engaged until the time of his return to his station on completion of such services.

(3) Fees for any part of an hour shall be charged at the rate for a complete hour.

LN 39/1992

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Regulation 3)

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES

Type of allowance	Ranks	Rate	Date
Detective	Gazetted and subordinate officers	\$50.00 per month	1.5.92
Plain clothes	All ranks	\$20.00 per month	1.5.92
Active duty	All ranks	\$60.00 per day	1.5.92
Special Duty	Members of the Fire Brigade, Crew and Officers of the Patrol Boats		
	L9	26%) Based on mean of	1.5.92
	L7	28%) each level	1.5.92
	L6	30%)	1.5.92
	L5	32%)	1.5.92
	L4A	34%)	1.5.92
	L4	34%)	1.5.92
	L3 (over 5 years service)	34%)	1.5.92
	L3 (under 5 years service)	34%)	1.5.92
	Other members of the Police Force excluding the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner		
	L10	22%) Based on mean of	1.5.92
	L9	24%) each level	1.5.92
	L8	26%)	1.5.92
	L7	27%)	1.5.92
	L6	28%)	1.5.92
	L5	29%)	1.5.92
	L4A	30%)	1.5.92
	L4	30%)	1.5.92
	L3 (over five years service)	30%)	1.5.92
	L3 (under five years service)	30%)	1.5.92

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Regulation 7)

LN 17/1981

RATES OF PARADE ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Rank	Allowance per parade
Gazetted Officers	50 cents
Inspectors	45 cents
Sergeants & Corporals	35 cents
Constables	25 cents

THIRD SCHEDULE
(Regulation 12)

LN 87/1995

SCALE OF FEES FOR SPECIAL POLICE SERVICES

(a) Rank	For each hour or part thereof
Gazetted Officer	\$30.00
Inspector	\$25.00
N.C.O.	\$20.00
Constable	\$15.00
(b) (i) Police Brass Band	
Government Functions	\$300.00
Private Functions	\$350.00
Commercial purposes	\$500.00
(ii) Police String Band	
Government Functions	\$300.00
Private Functions	\$350.00
Commercial Purposes	\$500.00
(c) Equipment	
Hire of Fire Trucks	\$700.00
Residential	\$600.00
Other private sites	\$160.00
(d) Explosive Ordnance Clearance	
Commercial Site	\$1,000.00
Residential	\$400.00
Other private sites	\$400.00
(e) Certifications	Fees per job
Name screen	\$60.00
Finger Print Search	\$90.00
(f) Patrol Boats Rates	Charter rates per day
PPB Class	\$8,200.00
Fire Class	\$3,000.00
Black Hawk	\$500.00
DCP Class	\$100.00

LN 79/1993

THE POLICE (INJURIES AND DEATH BENEFIT) REGULATIONS
(Section 72)

[27th April 1993]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Injuries and Death Benefit) Regulations.

2. Where any police officer suffers injury in the course of duty, the Government shall be liable to pay such police officer compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

3. Where any police officer suffers injury in the course of duty which results in the death of such police officer, the Government shall be liable to pay the dependants of such deceased police officer compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

4. In these Regulations —
“injury” means injury which results in partial or total incapacity of a permanent nature.

SCHEDULE

Partial incapacity	\$50,000
Total incapacity	\$75,000
Death	\$100,000