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1998 AWARD

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES MEMBERS SALARIES
AND ENTITLEMENTS

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Provincial Government Act, 1997, the Members of Parliament Entitlements Commission in consultation with the Minister of Provincial Government, hereby make the following salary and entitlement awards in respect of elected members of Provincial Assemblies.

1. (a) These Awards shall come into force on 1st February 1998.
- (b) The Awards are payable from the Consolidated Fund unless otherwise specified.

2. SALARY	\$ (per annum)	\$ (per month)
(a) For all Provinces:		
Premier	15,840	1,320
Deputy Premier	14,256	1,188
Executive Members	12,672	1,056
Members	9,504	729
Deputy Speaker	11,086	924

(b) For Guadalcanal Province

Premier	18,996	1,583
Deputy Premier	15,996	1,333
Executive Members	14,916	1,243
Members	9,996	833
Deputy Speaker	12,000	1,000

3. ALLOWANCES

(a) Overseas Outfit Allowances

A member of a Provincial Assembly travelling overseas on official provincial duty shall be entitled to an overseas outfit allowance of \$1,000.00 provided that such an allowance shall be payable once only throughout the life of the assembly to each individual members from the Consolidated Fund.

(b) Overseas Subsistence Allowance

(i) Overseas subsistence allowance for any provincial member travelling on an approved overseas visit on official duties shall be as follows:-

Premier	US \$200.00
Deputy Premier	US \$180.00
Executive Members	US \$150.00
Members	US \$130.00

(ii) If subsistence is wholly or partly met by Host Government or Agency, the allowance shall be one fifth (1/5) of the above respective entitlement.

(c) Local Subsistence Allowance

(1) Except for ward tours, local subsistence allowance for any provincial member travelling within Solomon Islands on official provincial duty, shall be payable from provincial funds. The rates shall be as follows -

Premier	\$60.00
Head of Delegation	\$60.00
Deputy Premier	\$50.00
Executive Members	\$40.00
Members	\$40.00

- (2) Local subsistence allowance is not payable for normal Executive Meeting attendance.

(4) ADVANCES

A Provincial Assembly Member may receive salary in advance provided that such an advance shall not exceed one month salary and that all previous advances have been repaid and such repayments have been recorded in the books of account.

5. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The following travelling expenses shall be payable to Provincial Assembly Member.

- (a) Travelling Expenses incurred by members while journeying from their home villages to the Provincial centre for the purpose of attending provincial assembly meetings and their return to their home villages shall be met from provincial funds. The expenses includes the wife of each member and four children under the age of eighteen.
- (b) Provincial Executive Members who reside at the provincial centre during the life time of an assembly, shall be entitled to travel to their home villages twice each calendar year and in an emergency (illness needing immediate treatment, or sudden death) accompanied by their wife, and up to four dependent children under the age eighteen, and the expenses incurred shall be paid from provincial funds.
- (c) Provincial Executive members residing in urban areas other than Provincial Centres, shall be eligible for land transport while engaged in official provincial business.
- (d) Duty travel anywhere within Solomon Islands on official business will be met from Provincial Funds for all elected members and such travel will be in the most suitable economic manner available.
- (e) Duty travel anywhere outside Solomon Islands on official business will be met from Provincial Funds for all elected members and such travel will be in the most suitable economic manner available.

- (f) Where a Provincial Member is a guest of a host government, Administration, Agency or Organisation and is not required to meet his accommodation and meal charges, he may claim one-fifth of the subsistence allowance applicable to him.

6. ACCOMMODATION

Provincial Executive Members who reside at the provincial headquarter during the lifetime of an assembly, shall be entitled to rent free accommodation of at least class IV type house, and that benefit shall be taxable.

7. PREMIER'S PRIVILEGES

- (a) A Premier shall be entitled to all benefits accorded a member of the Executive Committee or of the Assembly.
- (b) A Premier shall be provided free electricity, gas and water while in office under provincial assembly expenses.
- (c) A Premier shall be provided transport paid from provincial funds for the purpose of attending public functions in his/her official role as premier.
- (d) A Premier shall be entitled to have a domestic servant and a gardener at his official residence at provincial headquarters while he is in office, paid for from provincial funds.
- (e) A Premier residing in urban areas, other than provincial headquarters, where an official vehicle and a driver is appropriate and where such a privilege is fitting for a holder of such an office to have, shall be entitled to a vehicle and a driver provided under provincial funds.

8. WARD GRANT

All elected members shall be entitled to a ward grant of \$1,000.00 per annum during the life of a provincial assembly. No other touring allowance or travelling expenses will be paid in respect of ward touring.

9. TERMINAL GRANT

- (1) An elected member of a provincial assembly who has served for a period of 12 months will be entitled to a terminal grant of \$15,000 at the end of life of Provincial Assembly on a pro rata basis.
- (2) Subject to (1) and (3), hereof, where a member dies whilst in office, his terminal grant or any part thereof, shall be paid to the surviving spouse or the oldest child surviving of the union as the case may be on pro rata basis.
- (3) A member who has served for less than twelve months, shall only be entitled to draw 1/6 of the full terminal grant of the life of the Assembly.
- (4) Any outstanding debts, owing to the Government or Assembly shall be deducted from the terminal grant before payment is made to the member or under (2) above, as applicable.

10. EXGRATA

- (a) An Exgratia payment shall be made to any person in respect of his/her membership of a Provincial Assembly for serving 3 consecutive terms or more of the Assembly. In this context the word "terms" where relevant will include the membership of the current provincial assembly he/she served in any immediate membership in a preceding Assembly or another province.
- (b) Exgratia replaces Pensions awarded to persons in right or qualifying membership periods.
- (c) "Term" of two provincial memberships apply in instances when a Ward and member is transferred to another new province as a result of creating a new province from the existing one.

- (d) The exgratia payment shall be 15% of the Gross Salary of an ordinary member of the Assembly plus the terminal grant award.

Dated at Honiara this twenty-ninth day of July 1998.

C.R. DARCY
Chairman
Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commissions