



**ST HELENA**

**A BILL**

**FOR**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**to amend the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Ordinance, 2010, to adjust the remuneration, allowances and benefits to which Members of the Legislative Council are entitled.**

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Enacted by the Governor of St Helena with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of St Helena.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2018, and comes into force on ...

**Amendment of Schedule**

2. (1) The table in Schedule 1 to the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Ordinance, 2010, is repealed and the following is substituted:

“Item	Description	Amount
1	Remuneration of an Elected Member, except where item 2 or item 3 applies	£14,000 per annum
2	Remuneration of an Executive Member	£18,000 per annum
3	Remuneration of a temporary member of the Executive Council, appointed under section 35(3)(a) of the Constitution	Payment pro-rata at an annual rate of amount in Item 2 from day 5 onwards
4	Remuneration of the Speaker	£9,000 per annum
5	Remuneration of Deputy Speaker, except where paragraph 6 applies	£3,000 per annum
6	Remuneration of the Deputy Speaker when deputising for Speaker	Payment pro-rata at an annual rate of amount in Item 4
7	A contributory pension will be paid on behalf of Elected Members in line with the St Helena Government staff policy and the pension rules as applicable at the time that the relevant Elected Member entered Council”.	

(2) The table in Schedule 2 to the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Ordinance, 2010, is repealed and the following is substituted:

Item	Description of Allowance or Benefit
1	<p><b>Internet:</b> Members will be reimbursed the cost of subscription to the ‘Silver Package’ offered by Sure (South Atlantic) Limited upon production of a receipt. In addition, Members will be reimbursed the cost of connection and disconnection charges upon becoming (or ceasing to be) eligible for this allowance. If a Member is to be absent from St Helena, the Member will be reimbursed whichever of the following the Chief Secretary considers to provide best value for money:</p> <p>(a) disconnection and later reconnection cost; or            (b) continued service on a lower package.</p>
2	<p><b>Computer Equipment:</b> Members will be provided at public expense with a laptop computer (with mouse and printer) and reasonable quantities of consumables such as paper and ink.</p>
3	<p><b>Mileage and transport</b></p>
	<p>(a) Subject to the following provisions, Members will be paid an allowance at the rate of 60 pence per mile for journeys made by car to and from home to attend meetings or carry out other official duties (other than journeys between home and Jamestown). If the Member is travelling from Jamestown having been at his or her place of work immediately before the meeting, the allowance will be paid for the journey from Jamestown to the meeting.</p>
	<p>(b) This allowance is payable only to the Member who owns or drives the vehicle, and is at the specified rate irrespective of the number of persons in the vehicle.</p>
	<p>(c) The allowance may be claimed by Elected Members for attendance at Constituency Meetings and other meetings outside Jamestown or to carry out official duties outside Jamestown in connection with their role as Elected Members.</p>
	<p>(d) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker may claim the allowance in paragraph (a) to attend meetings outside Jamestown or to carry out official duties outside Jamestown.</p>
	<p>(e) A Member, the Speaker or Deputy Speaker may, in lieu of any allowance to which he or she is entitled under paragraph (a) to (d), claim the cost of a taxi upon proof of payment for purposes of any attendance referred to in paragraph (c) or (d), as the case may be, if there are exceptional circumstances to justify the use of such taxi.</p>
4	<p><b>Overseas Travel &amp; Subsistence</b></p>
	<p>(a) Members who travel overseas on official business will be provided with travel, accommodation, and allowances on the basis set out in the several sub-items of this Item. Publicly funded travel and accommodation is limited to the Member; additional costs for a spouse or partner must be paid by the Member. Similarly, if a Member travelling alone prefers more expensive travel or accommodation, the additional cost will be the responsibility of the Member.</p>
	<p>(b) Travel, appropriate to the purpose of the journey, will be arranged at public expense, on the basis (subject to availability) of air travel by economy class (or equivalent, depending on airline).</p>
	<p>(c) <b>Travel to and from airport:</b>            For Brize Norton: Travel by taxi allowed within 100 miles from Brize</p>

		<p>Norton. When travelling to or from a destination outside the 100 mile radius, a taxi must be taken to the nearest train station for onward travel by train and a taxi then be taken from the destination station to the hotel or Brize Norton.</p> <p>For all other airports:</p> <p>(i) Between hours of 6am and 11pm: Travel by public transport to and from station nearest to the hotel and travel by taxi between that station and the hotel;</p> <p>(ii) Between the hours of 11pm and 6am: Travel by taxi to and from hotel.</p>
	(d)	<p><b>Hotel accommodation:</b> To be provided at the maximum rate of £140 per night. If no hotel is available at that rate in the area where the meeting or conference is to be attended, the Member will be provided accommodation at an hotel in that area (at the best available rate) for the night before the meeting or conference until the day after the meeting or conference ends.</p>
	(e)	<p>Members may elect to stay with family or friends, instead of in an hotel; in such event, Members may claim an allowance of £30.00 per day on account of their contribution towards the cost of their accommodation and meals.</p>
	(f)	<p><b>Subsistence:</b> Except where the meals are included in the hotel rate or where a conference or meeting provider caters for the meals, Members staying in hotels may claim allowances up to:</p> <p>(i) £10 per day for breakfast;</p> <p>(ii) £15 per day for lunch;</p> <p>(iii) £30 per day for dinner; and</p> <p>(iv) £5.00 per day for incidental expenses such as laundry.</p> <p>Each meal claimed should be of a reasonable cost.</p>
	(g)	<p><b>Local Transport:</b> Members may claim the vouched cost of local transport within the city they visit; this will be limited to bus or (standard class) rail/underground unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify the use of a taxi. For local travel in and around London, Members will be required to use an Oyster card.</p>
	(h)	<p><b>Internet access:</b> Up to 5 hours of internet access per working day (Monday to Friday) will be reimbursed unless the hotel provides free internet access. This does not apply when Members are staying in London as internet can be accessed at the St Helena's UK Representatives Office.</p>
	(i)	<p>In relation to paragraphs (c), (f), (g) and (h), Members will receive money in advance to the estimated sum required. Members must provide receipts upon return to St Helena and any money provided in excess of that spent must be returned. If insufficient money had been provided in advance as evidenced by receipts, the Member will be reimbursed accordingly (provided that in the case of paragraph (f), the cost reimbursed will not exceed the amounts listed in that paragraph).</p>
	(j)	<p>Travel Insurance will be provided for Members when travelling overseas on official business as follows:</p> <p>(i) Whilst travelling through Ascension, medical insurance up to £500,000. At all other times medical insurance up to £75,000.</p> <p>(ii) The laptop provided for work will be insured.</p> <p>(iii) Up to £500 of personal possessions will be insured.</p>

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

This Ordinance amends the remuneration, allowances and benefits payable to Members of the Legislative Council, Speaker and Deputy Speaker to which they are entitled under the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Ordinance, 2010.