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CONSTITUTION OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
(Schedule to LN 43 of 1973)**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (ENTITLEMENTS) COMMISSION**
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 69B and 137 (1) of the Constitution, the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission makes the following Regulations –

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and shall commence on the 1st day of April 2015.

Regulation 4 amended

2. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
 - (a) by deleting the words “Chairman of Parliamentary Caucus” wherever it appears and substituting the words “Chairman of Government Caucus”
 - (b) by inserting the words “dependent children” includes children who are unmarried and wholly dependent and for whom the Member of Parliament has legal responsibility.
 - (c) by inserting the words “Parliament meetings” means the whole duration of sitting of Parliament including weekends and public holiday.

Regulation 7(1) amended

3. Regulation 7(1) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended by deleting the words – “from the date the member is declared under section 55” and substituting with the words “upon the date of election under section 33 of the National Parliament Electoral Provisions Act.”

Regulation 9(2) amended

4. Regulation 9(2) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended by deleting the term – “Appendix A5” and substituting “Appendix A7.”

Regulation 9(3)(b)(i) amended

5. Regulation 9(3)(b)(i) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
 - (a) by deleting the words “three hundred thousand” and substituting with “five hundred thousand”
 - (b) by adding the words “as set out in Appendix A(11)” after the word Parliament.

Regulation 10(4) amended

6. Regulation 10 (4) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
 - (a) by repealing regulation 10 (4), and
 - (b) by inserting a new Regulation 10(4) –

Regulation 10 (4)

“10 (4) A member shall be entitled to \$200 a day meal allowance inclusive for weekends and public holidays when attending Parliament meeting.”

Regulation 10(5) amended

7. Regulation 10(5) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
8. deleting and substituted by inserting these words “A member (other than a Minister) shall be entitled to \$300 a day local subsistence allowance inclusive for weekends and public holidays when attending a Parliament meeting.”

Regulation 11A (4) amended

9. Regulation 11A (4) of the principal Regulation is amended and renumbered as a new 11A(3) and insert therein after the last word of the paragraph the words “with the exception of those Members who have been medically certified to be wholly dependent and incapacitated.”

Regulation 11C amended

10. Regulation 11C of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
 - (a) by adding the words “This pension shall be paid fortnightly” after the last paragraph thereof.
 - (b) by deleting the table and substituting therein this new table

Table

Period of years served in Parliament (Column 1)	Percentage of Salary for life pension (column 2)
Up to 4 years	35%
Up to 8 years	45%
Up to 12 years	55%
Up to 16 years	65%
Up to 20 years	75%
Up to 24 years	85%
Above 24 years	95%

(c) by deleting the words “A member who had held the Office of the Prime Minister shall be entitled to a life pension of 50% of the current annual basic salary of the Prime Minister.”

Regulation 11D (3) amended

11. Regulation 11D (3) of the principal Regulation is hereby deleted.

Regulation 11D (4) amended

12. Regulation 11D (4) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
by renumbering it as Regulation 11D (3).

Regulation 11D (5) amended

13. Regulation 11D (5) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
by renumbering it as Regulation 11D (4).

Regulation 13(1) amended

14. Regulation 13(1) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
by deleting this figure “\$100,000” and substituting it with this
figure “\$150,000”

Regulation 19 to 68 renumbered

15. Regulations 19 to 68 of the principal Regulation are hereby amended –
 amended –
 by renumbering regulation 19 as regulation 18 and the rest of the regulations to be renumbered accordingly.

Regulation 31 amended

16. Regulation 31 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by repealing regulation 31 and
 - (b) inserting new regulations –
 - (a) “Regulation 30 (A) - When a Member vacates his seat in Parliament, the amount outstanding on an advance or guaranteed loan may be recovered from any pay, terminal grants or pension payments for which the Member or his legal personal representative are eligible and any addition sum due shall be recoverable from any collateral or security held by the Member of his estate.”
 - (b) “Regulation 30(b) - When a Member dies, the amount outstanding on a guaranteed loan shall be paid off by the Guarantor.”

Regulation 32 amended

17. Regulation 32 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by repealing regulation 32 and
 - (b) inserting new Regulation 31 –

“Regulation 31 – In the event that any Member should decline to hand over any balance remaining to be paid to Government, the Clerk shall take the following actions –

- (a) The Clerk shall issue a fourteen (14) days’ notice to the Member reminding him of the government dues;

- (b) If there is no response from the Member after the fourteen (14) days' notice, the Clerk shall issue a further (14) days' notice and direct the Member to pay the dues within that 14 days and inform of the next course of action to be taken;
- (c) If a Member fails to comply with (b) above, the Clerk shall recover the Member's outstanding dues from his pension scheme in accordance with the Financial Instructions and Labour Act and shall inform the Accountant General, Treasury and Auditor General of such action."

Regulation 50 (1) (c) amended

- 18. Regulation 50(1)(c) of the principal Regulation is amended –
 - (a) by renumbering regulation 50 as Regulation 49 1(c), and
 - (b) by deleting the words "travel grant" in sub regulation 1(c) and substituting the words "clothing allowance" and inserting figure "3" after the word "Appendix A".

Regulation 50(3) amended

- 19. Regulation 50 (3) of the principal Regulation is amended –
 - (a) by renumbering regulation 50(3) as regulation 49(3) and
 - (b) by deleting the words "travel grant" in sub regulation 3(b) and substituting the words "clothing allowance" and inserting figure "3" after the word "Appendix A"

Regulation 51(4) amended

20. Regulation 51 (4) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended -
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 50(4)
 - (b) by deleting the words "Henderson Airport" and substituting the words "Henderson International Airport".

Regulation 60 amended

21. Regulation 60 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended -
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 59.
 - (b) by deleting the words "unmarried children under 18 years" and substituting the words "and their children".
 - (c) by deleting the words "free of charge and substituting the words" at no cost to the member and his spouse and dependents"
 - (d) by deleting the words "Central Hospital" and substituting the words "National Referral Hospital"

Regulation 61 amended

22. Regulation 61 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended -
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 60.
 - (b) by deleting the words "Chief Consultant" and substituting with the words "any appropriate specialist."

Regulation 62 amended

23. Regulation 62 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended -
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 61.
 - (b) by adding after the words "Solomon Islands" the words "in an emergency situation."

Regulation 63 amended

24. Regulation 63 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 62
 - (b) by deleting the words “Chief Consultant” and substituting the words “appropriate specialist.”

Regulation 65 amended

25. Regulation 65 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 64
 - (b) by deleting the words “Ministry of Health and Medical Services and substituting the words “Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.”

Regulation 66 amended

26. Regulation 66 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 65
 - (b) by deleting the words “Chief Consultant” and substituting the words “appropriate specialist at the”

Regulation 67 amended

27. Regulation 67 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by renumbering it as Regulation 66.
 - (b) by deleting the words “Chief Private Consultant” and substituting the words “appropriate specialist.”

Regulation 67A amended

28. Regulation 67A of the principal Regulation is amended and renumbered as new Regulation 67 –
“Regulation 67 – There shall be a Health and Medical Care Scheme for Members of Parliament and their families with a reputable insurer whether within or outside of Solomon Islands.”

New Regulation 68 inserted

29. The principal Regulation is hereby amended by adding a new Regulation 68 –

“Regulation 68 – The Government shall take out a life insurance cover for members of Parliament and their families with a reputable insurer within or outside Solomon Islands.”

Existing Regulation 68 amended

30. Regulation 68 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by renumbering it as a new Regulation 69.
 - (b) by deleting the words “Appendix A8” and substituting the words “Appendix A10”.

Existing Regulation 69 amended

31. Regulation 69 of the principal Regulation is hereby deleted.

Regulation 70(1) (2) (3) amended

32. Regulation 70(1)(2)(3) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended –
- (a) by deleting the words “\$1000.00 a month and substituting the words “\$400.00 per day”.
 - (b) by deleting the words “\$2000 per month and substituting the words “\$400 per day.”
 - (c) by deleting the words “\$1000 a month and substituting the words “\$200 per day.”

Regulation 72(1) amended

33. Regulation 72(1) of the principal Regulation is hereby amended by adding before the word “allowances” the word “salaries,”

Regulation 72(2) deleted

34. Regulation 72(2) of the principal Regulation is hereby deleted.

Appendix A1 amended

35. Appendix A1 of the principal Regulation is hereby amended by deleting the current basic salary rates that appears in each respective class and substituting them with the following new rates –

(a)	Prime Minister	–	\$179,858
(b)	Deputy Prime Minister	–	\$163,508
(c)	Ministers, Leader of Opposition	–	\$144,362
	Leader of Independent Group		
(d)	Deputy Speaker, Chairperson of	–	\$132,064
	the Government Caucus, Chairperson		
	of Standing Committee of		
	Parliament		
(e)	Members	–	\$120,744

All basic salary increase by 7.5% of which 3.5% to be backed dated to 1st April 2014, and 4% to be effective 1st April 2015.

Appendix A (11) inserted

36. The principal Regulation is hereby amended by adding “Appendix A (11)” to the Schedule with the description “Members Discretionary Fund \$500,000”.

MADE AT HONIARA this first day of April 2015.

JOHNSON SIAPU
CHAIRMAN
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (ENTITLEMENTS) COMMISSION