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SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978  
(L.N. No. 43 of 1978)

THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (ENTITLEMENTS)  
COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1997.

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

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission (Amendment) Regulations 1997, and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1997.

Short title and commencement

2. Regulation 9 of the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission Regulations 1988 (hereinfter referred to as "the principal Regulations") is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulation 9 of the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission Regulations 1988 (L.N. 29/1988)

(a) by deleting paragraph (2) thereof and substituting the following paragraph therefor -

"(2) Constituency allowance is for the purpose of a Member touring his Constituency at least twice a year and is not to be paid as part of basic salary but to be drawn in three equal instalments not being less than three months apart. The rate is as specified in Appendix A."; and

(b) by deleting in paragraph (3)(b)(i) thereof the words "ten thousand dollars" and substituting therefor the words "twenty-five thousand dollars"

3. Regulation 10B of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulation 10B

(a) by inserting the words "to be paid to the Opposition immediately after the words "A Minister, wherever those words occur in that regulation; and

(b) by deleting the words "equivalent to one month of a Minister's net salary" and substituting therefor the words "equivalent to his net salary for one month"

Amendment of  
Regulation 11B

4. Regulation 11B of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) by renumbering paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) thereof as paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) respectively;

(b) by inserting immediately before renumbered paragraph (2) the following paragraph as paragraph (1) thereof -

"(1) A Member who had served in Parliament for an aggregate period of eight years shall be entitled to a life pension of 20% of the current annual basic salary of a Member";

(c) in renumbered paragraph (5) by deleting the words "under paragraphs (1), (2) and (3)" and substituting therefor the words "under paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4)"; and

(d) in renumbered paragraph (7) by deleting the words "under paragraph (3)" and substituting therefor the words "under paragraph (4)".

Amendment of  
Regulation 32

5. Regulation 32 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) by renumbering paragraph (3) thereof as paragraph (4); and

(b) by inserting immediately before renumbered paragraph (4), the following paragraph as paragraph (3) -

"(3) When attending Parliament Meeting in Honiara and in the event of the Parliament Resthouse/Hostel being full, the Clerk may arrange an alternative accommodation. Such an arrangement shall be terminated two days after the end of a Parliament Meeting. Any excess day's overstay shall be the responsibility of the Member concerned."

Amendment  
of Regulation  
39

6. Regulation 39 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by adding at the end of that regulation the following paragraphs as paragraphs (7) and (8) thereof-

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

(8) The Government is only responsible for vehicle damages incurred during the course of official duties and only when driven by the driver designated under paragraph (3)."

7. Regulation 40 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment  
of Regulation  
40

(a) by renumbering that regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation; and

(b) by adding the following new paragraph as paragraph (2) immediately after the paragraph so renumbered -

"(2) A transport allowance of \$1000 per annum shall be paid to a Member for being in Honiara on Constituency or Government business. The amount shall be paid twice per year by way of two instalments of \$500."

8. Regulation 44 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended in paragraph (1) thereof as follows:-

Amendment  
of Regulation  
44

(a) by deleting the words "by Ministers" and substituting therefor the words "by any Minister or the Leader of the Opposition"; and

(b) by deleting the words "the Minister concerned" and substituting therefor the words "the Minister concerned or the Leader of the Opposition, as the case may be".

9. Regulation 58 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by deleting the marginal note thereto and substituting therefor the following new marginal note -

Amendment  
of Regulation  
58

"Medical appliances"

Deletion  
of Part VIII

10. Part VIII of the principal Regulations is hereby deleted.

Replacement  
of Appendix A

11. Appendix A to the principal Regulations is hereby deleted and the following new Appendix substituted therefor-

#### APPENDIX A

##### 1. BASIC SALARY

The following taxable salaries will be paid -

Prime Minister	-	\$70,000 per annum
Deputy Prime Minister	-	\$55,000 per annum
Ministers and Leader of the Opposition	-	\$50,000 per annum
The Leader of the Independent Members	-	\$40,000 per annum
Deputy Speaker	-	\$40,000 per annum
Members	-	\$38,000 per annum

##### 2. APPOINTMENT GRANT [Reg. 15]

Members	\$2,000
Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers and Leader of the Opposition shall in addition receive	\$1,000

##### 3. OVERSEAS TRAVEL GRANT [Reg. 56]

###### Members -

Summer clothes	-	\$1,000
Winter clothes	-	\$2,000

###### PRIME MINISTER -

Summer clothes	-	\$2,000
	-	\$3,000

4. CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCE [Reg. 9(2)]  
(Tax Free)

Zones

Zone 1 - \$5,000

TEMOTU PELE  
TEMOTU NENDE  
VATUD  
MALAITA OUTER ISLANDS

Zone 2 - \$4,800

EAST ARE ARE  
WEST ARE ARE  
SMALL MALAITA  
WEST MAKIRA  
CENTRAL MAKIRA  
EAST MAKIRA  
SOUTH CHOISEUL  
NORTH WEST CHOISEUL  
EAST CHOISEUL  
ULAWA & UGI  
SHORTLANDS  
RENNELL & BELLONA

Zone 3 - \$ 4,600

NORTH VELLA LA VELLA  
SOUTH VELLA LA VELLA  
RANONGA & SIMBO  
NORTH NEW GEORGIA  
SOUTH NEW GEORGIA, RENDOVA  
& TETEPARI  
MAROVO  
HOGRANO/KIA/HAVULEI  
MARINGE/KOKOTA  
GAO/BUGOTU  
EAST KWAIO  
WEST KWAIO  
NGELLA  
SAVO & RUSSELLS  
SOUTH GUADALCANAL

Zone 4 \$4,400  
 GIZO & KOLOMBANGARA  
 WEST NEW GEORGIA & VONAVONA  
 NORTH WEST MALAITA  
 EAST MALAITA  
 LAU/MBAELELEA  
 FATALEKA  
 CENTRAL KWARA'AE  
 WEST KWARA'AE  
 AOKE/LANGALANGA  
 NORTH WEST GUADALCANAL  
 WEST GUADALCANAL  
 EAST GUADALCANAL  
 EAST CENTRAL GUADALCANAL  
 NORTH EAST GUADALCANAL  
 CENTRAL GUADALCANAL  
 NORTH GUADALCANAL  
 BAEGU ASIFOLAE

Zone 5 \$3,200  
 WEST HONIARA  
 EAST HONIARA  
 CENTRAL HONIARA

5. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE [OVERSEAS] [Reg. 49]

to include lunch, dinner and incidental expenses -

Prime Minister - US\$300  
 Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers and the  
 Leader of the Opposition - US\$250  
 Members - US\$200

NOTE:

When the Deputy Prime Minister travels overseas in place of the Prime Minister, he shall be paid the Prime Minister's rate of subsistence allowance.

6. TERMINAL GRANT (Tax Free)

All Members - \$40,000

7. **RENTAL SUPPLEMENTARY (Taxable)**  
**(Reg. 31 (2))**

The amount prescribed at the time as the taxable value of the house occupied or to which the Member is entitled.

8. **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTARY STANDING SELECT COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES**  
**[Reg. 66]**

[a] Standing Select Committees to be paid an hourly rate of \$10.00

[b] Special Select Committees to be paid a daily rate of \$100.00"

12. Appendix D to the principal Regulations is hereby deleted.

Deletion of  
Appendix D.

Dated at Honiara this second day of April, 1997.

C.R. DARCY  
 Chairman  
 Minister of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission

[Legal Notice No. 46]

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT  
 (CAP. 58)

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (DUTIES) (AMENDMENT) (NO.  
 6) ORDER 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Customs and Excise Act, I, MICHAEL MAINA, Minister of Finance, do hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs and Excise (Duties) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order 1997 and shall into force on the date of publication in the Gazette;
2. That part of the First Schedule to the Customs and Excise Act entitled, EXPORT CLASSIFICATION AND TARIFF" is hereby amended as follows:-

<u>TARIFF</u> <u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT OF</u> <u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>RATE OF</u> <u>EXPORT DUTY</u>
03.07	<b>MOLLUSCUS OF ALL KINDS WHETHER IN SHELL OR NOT, INCLUDING OYSTERS, SCALLOPS, MUSSELS, CLAMS, CUTTLEFISH, SQUID, OCTOPUS AND BECHE-DE-MER</b>		
0307.1000	Live Molluscus	kg	10%
0307.2000	Aquarium Molluscus	kg	10%
0307.3000	Cultured Clams whether or not for Aquarium purposes	kg	Free
0307.4000	Others	kg	10%
71.06	<b>SILVER (INCLUDING SILVER PLATED WITH GOLD OR PLATINUM) UNWROUGHT OR IN SEMI-MANUFACTURED FORM, OR IN POWER FORM.</b>		
7106.1000	Silver Extracted by an approved licenced Mining Company	kg	15%
7106.1090	Other	kg	15%
7108.	<b>GOLD (INCLUDING GOLD PLATED WITH PLATINUM) UNWROUGHT OR IN SEMI-MANUFACTURED FORM, OR IN POWDER FORM.</b>		
7108.1000	Gold Extracted by an approved licenced Mining Company.	kg	15%
7108.1090	Others	kg	15%

Dated at Honiara this twenty-sixth day of March 1997.

MACHAEL MAINA  
Minister of Finance

[Legal Notice No. 17]

THE MINES AND MINERALS ACT 1990  
(No. 3 of 1990)

THE MINES AND MINERALS (PRESCRIPTION OF  
RATE OF ROYALTY) (GOLD RIDGE MINING LIMITED)  
ORDER 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 45(2) of the Mines and Minerals Act, I, DAVID VOUZA, Minister of Energy, Mines and Minerals, and in consultation with the Minister of Finance, do hereby make the following order -

1. This Order may be cited as the Mines and Minerals (Prescription of Rate of Royalty) (Gold Ridge Mining Limited) Order 1997.

2. The rate of royalty payable to the Government pursuant to section 45 in respect of gold or silver produced by the Gold Ridge Mining Limited shall be 1.5% of the gross value (as defined in paragraph (3) of gold and silver produced by the said Gold Ridge Mining Limited.

3. For the purposes of this order the gross value of gold and silver shall be the gross value of all gold and silver produced from the mining area under the mining lease, being the London p.m. price fix in United States dollars as determined by members of the London Bullion Market Association for refined gold and silver as at the date of the refinery receipt multiplied by the certified quantity of gold and silver as issued by the relevant refinery.

Dated at Honiara this first day of April 1997.

DAVID VOUZA  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Minerals

