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An Act to amend the Decentralization Act [CAP 230].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Decentralization Act [CAP 230] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF THE DECENTRALIZATION ACT [CAP 230]

1 Subsection 23(2)

Delete “and accommodation”

2 After subsection 23(2)

Insert

“(2A) A member of a Provincial Government Council and a member of any committee set up by a Provincial Government Council (other than the President) is entitled to a reasonably affordable rented apartment for the duration of a Council or committee meeting.

(2B) In the event that the entitlement under subsection (1) is not available, the member of a Provincial Government Council and a member of any committee set up by the Provincial Government Council, is to be paid an allowance of up to and not more than VT7,500 per day to meet his or her accommodation for the duration of a Council or committee meeting.”

3 Subsection 23(3)

Repeal the subsection, substitute

“(3) A member of a Provincial Government Council is entitled to a constituency allowance of up to and not more than VT1,500,000 per annum.

(4) Subject to the availability of funds from the Government, the Minister is to determine when the constituency allowance is to be paid and is to determine the rate of the constituency allowance.

(5) A member of the Provincial Government Council is entitled to an annual responsibility remuneration as set out in the table below:

Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
1	2	3
VT1,345,100	VT1,434,600	VT1,482,500

- (6) Subject to the availability of funds from the Government, the Minister is to determine when the Grades set out in the table in subsection (5) are to be paid and determine the rate of the responsibility remuneration.
- (7) A member of a Provincial Government Council is not entitled to any form of take home pay entitlements as from the date on which this Act commences.
- (8) For the purposes of this section:
- take home pay entitlements** includes all of the following allowances:
- (a) child, family, spouse allowances; and
 - (b) cost of living allowance; and
 - (c) entertainment allowance; and
 - (d) fuel allowance; and
 - (e) housing allowances; and
 - (f) telephone allowance.”

4 After section 23

Insert

“23A Housing provision

A President of a Provincial Government Council is entitled to the housing provisions determined by the Government Remuneration Tribunal under the Government Remuneration Tribunal Act [CAP 250].”