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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Provincial Government Act, 1997, the Members of Parliamentary 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. CITATION

This Awards may be cited as the Provincial Assembly Members Salaries and (Amendment) Award 2009.

2. COMMENCEMENT AND SOURCE OF FUND

- (a) These Awards shall come into force as of 1st January 2009, and shall replace Legal Notice No. 133 of 2007.
- (b) The Awards are payable from the Consolidated Fund unless otherwise specified

3. SALARY

	SBD (Per Annum)
Premier	77,000
Deputy Premier	66,000
Executive Members	55,000
Members	45,000
Deputy Speaker	60,000

4. 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 USD3,000 paid only once during the life of the assembly.

(b) Overseas Subsistence Allowance

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

	USD/Daily
Premier	250
Deputy	230
Executive Members	220
Members	210

- (ii) If subsistence is wholly or partly met by the host government or agency, the allowance shall remain at the same rate in Regulation 4(b)(i)

(c) Local Subsistence Allowance

- (i) Except for ward tours, local subsistence allowance for any provincial member travelling within the Solomon Islands at the national governments invitation shall be payable from the Consolidated fund at the following rates:–

	SBD (Daily)
Premier	250
Head of Delegation	250
Deputy	200
Executive Members	150
Members	120

- (ii) Local Subsistence allowance is not payable to Executive members residing in Provincial Centers, at Government expenses, whilst attending normal executive meetings.

5. 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 repayment have been recorded in the books of account.

6. 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 include 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 medical treatment, or sudden death) accompanied by their wife, and up to four dependent children under the age of eighteen, and the expenses incurred shall be paid from provincial funds.
- (c) Provincial Executive Members residing in urban areas other than Provincial Centers 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.

7. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) 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.
- (b) Provincial Assembly members who reside in their own houses within the boundaries of the Provincial Headquarters shall be entitled to a housing allowance of SBD1,000 per month. Provincial Assembly members who reside in rural areas (not within the boundaries of the Provincial Headquarters) are not entitled to housing allowance.

8. PREMIER'S PRIVILEGES

- (a) A Premier shall be entitled to all benefits accorded to 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 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 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 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.

9. WARD GRANT

All elected members shall be entitled to a ward grant of SBD1000 per annum during the life of a provincial assembly. No other touring allowance or travelling expenses will be paid in respect of ward touring.

10. TERMINAL GRANT

- (a) An elected member of a Provincial Assembly who has served for a period of 12 months shall be entitled to a terminal grant of SBD30,000.
- (b) This payment shall be made at the end of the life of an assembly and shall not be advanced.

- (c) Subject to (a) and (d) 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.
- (d) A member who has served for less than 12 months, shall only be entitled to draw one-sixth of the full terminal grant of the life of the Assembly.
- (e) 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 (c) above, as applicable.

11. EX GRATIA

- (a) An Ex gratia payment shall be made to any person in respect of his membership of a Provincial Assembly for serving 2 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 serve in any immediate membership in a preceding Assembly or another province.
- (b) Ex gratia replaces Pensions awarded to persons in right or qualifying membership periods.
- (c) 'Term' of two provincial membership applies 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 ex gratia payment shall be 30% of the total annual gross salary of an ordinary member per annum for the four years served.

Dated at Honiara this thirteenth day of May, 2009.

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