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SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978  
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PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENT (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 69B of the Constitution, the Parliament Entitlements Commission makes the following regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Entitlement (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and shall come into force on 1st April 1995.
2. The Members of Parliament Entitlement Commissions Regulation 1995 (herein referred to as the Principal Regulations) is hereby amended as follows:
  - (a) CONTENTS:

The contents of the principal Regulations are amended to provide for the changes therein as follows:

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| PART II | - | Insert the word "Appointment" to section 10 to read:-<br>" 10. levels of payment, Appointment and Regulation Allowance."                          |
| PART V  | - | Add the words "and deputy Speaker;" to Section 31 to read:-<br>"31. Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Deputy Speaker."                          |
| PART VI | - | Add the words "and deputy Speaker" after the word Opposition in section 39 to read:-<br>"39. Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Deputy Speaker." |

PART VIII - A new provision which replaces the old section 65 to read:-  
“PART VIII - 65. Constituency Development Fund.”

PART IX - A new part with new numbering of sections ranging from 66 to 70 as follows:-

PART IX - MISCELLANEOUS

66. Members required to tour outside Honiara as members of Standing Select or Special Committees appointed under Order 68 of Standing Orders of the National Parliament shall receive touring allowance in accordance with Regulations 33 hereof. All costs associated with attendance at the said committees shall be met from the Parliament Head of the estimates. Members of such committees during sittings shall be paid a sitting allowance at the rates as appear in Appendix A of these Regulations.

67. The Leader of the Opposition is entitled to be provided with office facilities and three to four staff who need not be public servants.

68. (1) The Prime Minister or any Minister who is to care-take or supervise responsibilities for another portfolio for fourteen or more consecutive days shall be entitled to a taxable allowance at the rate of \$300.00 per month.

(2) Any Minister acting in the Office of the Prime Minister under Section 38(1) of the Constitution shall be entitled to a taxable allowance at the rate of \$600.00 per month.

69. Members will receive free headed paper and envelopes. Payment for postage, telegrams and service messages shall be the responsibility of Members.

70. The Parliament Entitlements Regulations 1994 are hereby repealed.

## PART II

- (b) Regulation 9(3)(b)(i) of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-
- (i) delete the word "three" and substitute it with the word "ten".
- (c) Regulation 10A of the principal Regulations is hereby substituted with new Regulations as follows:-
- 10A.(1) The Prime Minister in consultation with the Secretary to Cabinet may appoint a Member of Parliament for special duties in the Prime Minister's Office provided that it is not a public service established post;
- (2) Such an appointment shall be based on the Member's qualification and suitability for the job.
  - (3) The Prime Minister and the Secretary to Cabinet shall decide on the terms and conditions of the appointment as any remuneration for the services performed is the responsibility of the authority which benefits from the services rendered.
- (d) The former Regulation 10A of the principal Regulations now becomes "10B".
- (e) Regulation 11B of the principal Regulation is hereby amended as follows:-
- (1) delete the figure 30% and replace therefore with the figure "35%".
  - (2) delete the figure 35% and replace therefore with the figure "40%".
  - (3) (a) delete the figure 30% and replace therefore with the figure "35%".
- (f) Regulation 12 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by deleting the word "widow" as appeared in the last line thereof and replace it with the word "widower".

## PART V

- (g) Regulation 31 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:-
- (i) Insert the following new paragraph to form a new 31B Regulation after the Regulation 31A of the principal Regulation as follows:-
- “31B. During Parliament sittings Deputy Speaker shall be provided with reasonable accommodation outside the Parliament Rest House to maintain the independence and dignity of the office of Deputy Speaker.
- (h) Regulation 33 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended as follows:
- (a) delete the figure \$10.00 and replace thereof with the figure \$30.00.

## PART VI

- (i) Regulation 39(2) of the Principal Regulations is deleted and replace thereof with the following new regulations:
- 2 (i) For the mischarge of their official duties Ministers and Leader of Opposition shall be provided with a car except on special circumstances where Ministers and the Leader of Opposition's needs for transport so justify a more suitable vehicle other than a car will be provided. Such need shall be considered on its own merit by the Secretary to Prime Minister.
- (ii) Drivers whose appointments shall be made by the Permanent Secretary for the Public Service upon the recommendations of the Ministers and the Leader of Opposition shall be provided.
- (iii) In every sitting of Parliament the Deputy Speaker shall be provided with a car or a similar vehicle.

## PART VIII

- (j) Regulation 65 of the principal Regulations is deleted and replaced with the following new Regulations:

**“PART VIII - CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND  
RULES OF MANAGEMENT**

“65. The following rules shall apply to the administration and management of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

- (1) CDF shall not be a Special Fund within the meaning of section 100(2) of the Constitution.
- (2) the total of the CDF allocation for any constituency shall not exceed \$200,000 in any one financial year or such other amounts as may be specified by these regulations within the limits of funds allocated by National Parliament.
- (3) for purpose of these regulations the Member of Parliament of that Constituency, shall be an imprest holder under Government Financial regulations and where the member sees fit shall a committee to assist him in vetting and assessing Community Project Proposals.
- (4) all applications for CDF assistance shall be in such forms as prescribe under these regulations (Appendix D).
- (5) the Member of Parliament may allocate funds, out of this CDF account, for:-
  - (a) Individuals or group income generating projects;
  - (b) Community Projects;
  - (c) All Community Proposals shall take high priority over individual project proposals;
  - (d) All fund allocations shall be by way of grants.
- (6) The CDF shall be paid quarterly at the beginning of each quarter with the amount of \$50,000 or a quarter of CDF allocation approve by the National Parliament.
- (7) Each member is responsible to account and to retire the amount expended at the end of each quarter.
- (8) The payment of CDF for the next quarter shall be subjected to retirement of the preceding quarter under the normal requirement of the Government Financial Instructions.
- (9) Under no circumstances shall CDF be paid in advance before the amount for the quarter is due.

- (10) The member shall keep record as required under Government Financial Instructions with regards to special imprest.
  - (11) CDF shall be subjected to Audit by the Auditor General under the appropriate section of the Public Finance and Audit Act and the National Constitution.
- (k) Miscellaneous of the principal Regulations is hereby amended and substituted therefor with a new Part IX as follows:-

**“PART IX - MISCELLANEOUS**

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- (l) Delete Appendix A of the principal Regulations and substitute therefor the following;

**APPENDIX A**

**1. BASIC SALARY**

- (a) The following taxable salaries will be paid -

Prime Minister	\$50,720 per annum
Deputy Prime Minister	\$38,322 per annum
Ministers and Leader of the Opposition	\$36,886 per annum
The Leader of the Independent Members	\$33,014 per annum
Deputy Speaker	\$29,142 per annum
Members	\$28,924 per annum

These salaries to take effect on 1st April, 1995.

**1. APPOINTMENT GRANT (Reg. 15)**

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

Overseas Travel Grant  
(Reg. 56)

- Summer Clothing	\$700
Winter Clothing	\$1,500

CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCE (Reg. 9(2))  
(Tax Free)

ZONES

Zone 1	\$5,000
TEMOTU PELE	
TEMOTU NENDE	
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	
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	

3. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (OVERSEAS) (Reg. 49)

- to include lunch, dinner and incidental expenses.

Prime Minister	US\$250.00
Deputy Prime Minister	US\$170
Minister/Leader of Opposition	US\$150
Members	US\$130

4. TERMINAL GRANT (Tax Free)

All Members (including Prime Minister, Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition - \$10,000

5. RENTAL SUPPLEMENTARY (Taxable)  
(Reg. 31(2))

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

6. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTARY STANDING  
SELECT COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL SELECT  
COMMITTEES

(Reg. 65)

- (a) Standing Select Committees to be paid an hourly rate of \$8.00.
- (b) Special Select Committees to be paid a daily rate of \$50.00.

(m) Insert a new Appendix D to form part of the principal Regulations as follows:-

APPENDIX D

CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Application for Funding

1. Name of Community:.....
2. Name of Project:.....
3. Location:-
  - (a) Ward:.....
  - (b) Zone:.....
  - (c) Village:.....
  - (d) Address:.....
4. Information on Project (Description):.....  
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5. Supervisors:

Name:.....Position:.....Sign:.....

Name:.....Position:.....Sign:.....

6. Amount Requested:.....

7. Community Contribution:.....

8. Recommendation By Local Leader (Chiefs, Priests/Pastors, Area Council Member, Provincial Member):

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9. Endorsed/Not Endorsed, By Constituency Development Committee:

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Sign By Chairman (CDF):.....Date:.....

10. Approved/Not Approved By MP for.....  
Constituency:

Sign: ..... Date: ..... 1995.

Comments: .....  
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NOTES:

- (a) No cash payment to be made.
- (b) Attach proforma invoices with submission.
- (c) No refund of receipts or invoices.
- (d) Supervisors must be directly concern and involve with the project.
- (e) Each project must be in a separate form and must be original and not photocopies.
  
- (f) (i) None generating income projects like schools and churches attract no administrative fee.  
(ii) Income generating approved projects will attract an administrative fee of 5% to be paid before the project is released.

Dated at Honiara this first day of April, 1995.

C.R. DARCY  
Chairman  
of the Members of Parliament (Entitlements) Commission