



Parliamentary Travel, Accommodation, Attendance, and Communications Services Determination (No 2) 2010

Pursuant to sections 20A and 20B(1)(c) of the Civil List Act 1979, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after taking into account advice and recommendations made by the Parliamentary Service Commission and after consultation with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and the Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, makes the following determination.

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Determination

- 1 Title**
This determination is the Parliamentary Travel, Accommodation, Attendance, and Communications Services Determination (No 2) 2010.
- 2 Commencement**
This determination comes into force on 30 July 2010.

3 Determination

- (1) The travel, accommodation, attendance, and communications services in respect of members of Parliament are those set out in Parts 1 to 3 of the Directions by the Speaker of the House of Representatives 2010.
- (2) Those services are in addition to those determined under the Parliamentary (Official Inter-Parliamentary Travel Programme) Travel and Accommodation Determination 2007.

4 Revocation

The Parliamentary Travel, Accommodation, Attendance, and Communications Services Determination 2010 (SR 2010/118) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of July 2010.

Hon Dr Lockwood Smith,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the determination, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This determination, which comes into force on 30 July 2010, determines that the travel, accommodation, attendance, and communications services in respect of members of Parliament are those set out in Parts 1 to 3 of the Directions by the Speaker of the House of Representatives 2010 (the **Speaker's Directions 2010**). Those services are in addition to the travel, accommodation, and communications services determined in the Parliamentary (Official Inter-Parliamentary Travel Programme) Travel and Accommodation Determination 2007.

This determination replaces the Parliamentary Travel, Accommodation, Attendance, and Communications Services Determination 2010, which determined that the travel, accommodation, attendance,

and communications services of members of Parliament were those set out in the document entitled Directions and Specifications for Services and Funding Entitlements for the House of Representatives, its Members, Former Members, and Certain Electoral Candidates 2008 (the **2008 Directions and Specifications**).

Some of the main differences between the Speaker's Directions 2010 and the 2008 Directions and Specifications are that—

- the rebate payable to members on international air travel undertaken is no longer limited to travel for private purposes but also extends to travel for parliamentary purposes or a mixture of both private and parliamentary purposes. There is no difference to the rule that the rebate is not payable in respect of private business purposes:
- a spouse or partner of a member is no longer entitled to the same rebate as the member for all international air travel undertaken but is only entitled to the same rebate in circumstances where the spouse or partner and the member have either travelled together or joined one another overseas:
- the circumstances in which a spouse or partner may use taxi travel is extended to cover all travel associated with accompanying the member when the member is on parliamentary business or attending an official function:
- the 2008 Directions and Specifications provided that, if either the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker had his or her primary place of residence outside the Wellington commuting area, that person was entitled to be provided with a residence in Wellington at public expense. The Speaker's Directions 2010 provide that he or she is entitled to be provided with an official residence or, if he or she uses a hotel as accommodation when in Wellington on parliamentary business, to have the actual and reasonable costs of that accommodation paid up to a maximum amount of \$37,500 per year. If the Speaker or Deputy Speaker does not take up an official residence or stay in a hotel when in Wellington, he or she is entitled to an accommodation payment. The amount of that payment is \$30,000 per year, if the Speaker or Deputy Speaker continues to use the Wellington accommodation that he or she used (and claimed expenses for under the 2008 Directions and Specifications or the 2010 Speakers Di-

rections) at the time of appointment to office. Otherwise, the amount of the payment is \$37,500 per year:

- the maximum daily limits that would normally apply to certain travel and accommodation expenses are disapplied where these relate to travel and accommodation during the Rugby World Cup period (which is defined as the period starting on 1 September 2011 and ending on 31 October 2011). This provision only remains in the Speaker's Directions 2010 until 31 December 2011, when it is automatically revoked:
- the 2008 Directions and Specifications removed the freeze on former members' travel entitlements that had applied up until the date of that document, with the effect that they no longer remained fixed at the level for which a member qualified at the end of the 2002–2005 term of Parliament. The Speaker's Directions 2010 reimpose a freeze on former members' travel entitlements, but at the level for which members qualified at the end of the 2005–2008 term of Parliament. These entitlements continue to apply only to persons who were members of Parliament before the 1999 general election:
- under the 2008 Directions and Specifications, former members convicted of certain crimes were disqualified from receiving ongoing travel entitlements. The Speaker's Directions 2010 also disqualify the spouse or partner of a former member from receiving ongoing travel entitlements in certain circumstances. These are where the spouse or partner of a former member has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or has been convicted of a corrupt practice or been reported by the High Court in its report on the trial of an election petition to have been proved guilty of a corrupt practice and, in each case, that crime or corrupt practice was committed after the former member left Parliament.

The Speaker is required, by section 20B(3) of the Civil List Act 1979, to ensure that a copy of the Speaker's Directions 2010—

- is available for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a reasonable price, at Parliament House in Wellington and at any other place or places that he or she appoints:
- is published on the Internet.

The document is published on the New Zealand Parliament website
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