



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – MEALS IN RESTAURANTS (SECTION 46 – CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCE)

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BACKGROUND

The 2016 Members' Compensation Review Committee (MCRC) recommended that meal expenditures in restaurants under the Constituency Allowance allocation be prohibited.

While the House of Assembly Management Commission accepted the recommendation, issues arose with respect to the interpretation of paragraph 46(4)(g) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* (the Rules). Upon consultation with the Chair of the 2016 MCRC, it was determined that the intent of the recommendation was to prohibit an MHA from claiming meal expenses associated with conducting a meeting with a constituent or small number of constituents at a restaurant. However, to host an event at a restaurant with a large number of constituents where there is a purpose to the event is acceptable as a means to disseminate information to a large number of constituents.

The Commission issued a directive with respect to the required supporting documentation for such expenditures. **Directive 2017-014** refers.

As a result of this clarification, the following rule amendment was approved:

Paragraph 46(4)(g) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is repealed, and the following is substituted:

(4) *The following types of expenses shall not be reimbursed:*

(g) meal expenses in restaurants, pubs, delicatessens and similar establishments for meetings with constituents, their family members and other guests and hospitality food and beverages except as provided for in paragraph (3)(a);

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