



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**RULE AMENDMENT –RESTRICTION ON MEAL ALLOWANCE**

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<b>Subject:</b> Restriction on Meal Allowance		<b>Reference:</b> HOAMC Meeting, July 3, 2008 Agenda Item No. 5.5 HOAMC Meeting, October 15, 2008 Agenda Item No. 8 HOAMC Meeting, November 18, 2008 Agenda Item No. 5 NL Gazette, November 28, 2008	
<b>Issued To:</b> All Members of the House of Assembly; Comptroller General; Directors of Government Accounting, Professional Services and Internal Audit, OMSP, and Corporate Services; Office of the Auditor General; Office Managers of Government Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus, NDP Caucus; Assistant Deputy Clerk, Executive Council; Director of Operations, Office of the Premier.		<b>Contact:</b> Marlene Lambe Chief Financial Officer 729 – 2923	

**BACKGROUND**

Subsection 46(3) of the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*, permits a Member to use his/her constituency allowance to purchase a meal for the purpose of constituency business but section 42 prohibits the Member from claiming any other meal per diem for that day. The Member may have been placed in a situation of having to choose between a single constituency work-related meal or a per diem amount for that day.

At the July 3 meeting, the Commission approved the following draft amendment

Section 42 of the *Members’ Resources and Allowance Rules* is repealed and the following is substituted:

**Restriction on meal allowance**

- 42. Where a member makes a claim under subsection 46(3) relating to a meal expense, the member shall not claim a meal allowance under this Part for that meal expense.

As required under subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the amendment received first approval at the October 15, 2008 meeting, was posted on the House of Assembly website, distributed to Members of the House of Assembly and received final approval at the Commission meeting held on November 18, 2008.

The rule amendment became effective on November 28, 2008, the date of publication in the NL Gazette.

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