



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT (SECTION 10) – MONTHLY REPORTS

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BACKGROUND

Subsection 10(2) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* (the Rules), formerly stated that the Clerk would advise the Speaker and a Member when the amount spent by a Member in an allowable allowance was in excess of 10% of the prorated amount for that portion of the year.

Subsection 19(4) of the Rules provides a \$1000 start-up allowance to a new Member (not elected in a previous Assembly). The allowance is amortized over four years for newly elected MHAs, whether after a General Election or a By-Election. The amount is payable over that time until depleted. For this reason, the provisions of subsection 10(2) of the Rules have been difficult to apply to the start-up allowance.

The Commission, at its meetings on March 20, 2013 and April 23, 2013, approved an amendment to Section 10 of the Rules that excludes the start-up allowance for new Members from the provisions of subsection 10(2).

Section 10 is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(2.1) Subsection (2) does not apply to an allowance claimed under subsection 19(4).”

The amendment to Section 10 came into force on April 26, 2013, the date of publication in the NL Gazette.


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