



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT (SECTIONS 20 & 46) – SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATIONS

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BACKGROUND

Subsection 20(7) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* (the Rules) formerly provided up to \$750 annually for rental of short-term accommodations to facilitate meetings with constituents. As part of the 2013-14 budget process, the Management Commission reviewed all expenditures including Members' Allowances, and approved the abolition of the \$750 short-term accommodations allowance provided for in subsection 20(7).


As short-term rental costs are not an eligible expense under any other allowance category, the Commission approved an amendment to subsection 46(3) of the Rules allowing Members to claim rental costs for short-term accommodations under the Constituency Allowance.

Appropriate approvals for the required amendments have been received from the House of Assembly Management Commission and by resolution of the House of Assembly as required under the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*.

Section 20(7) is repealed. Subsection 46(3) is amended by adding immediately before paragraph (e.1) the following:

(e.2) the expense of renting short term accommodation in one or more locations in the member's constituency to facilitate travel of the member throughout the district to meet with residents on constituency issues;

The amendments to subsection 20(7) and Section 46 came into force on April 26, 2013 the date of publication in the NL Gazette.


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