



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – MIDWEEK SESSIONAL TRAVEL FOR CONSTITUENCY BUSINESS

Effective Date: October 22, 2010	Commission Minute: CM 2010 – 051
Subject: Midweek Sessional Travel for Constituency Business	Reference: HOAMC Meeting, September 22, 2010 ➤ Agenda Item Tab 6 NL Gazette, October 22, 2010
Issued To: 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.	Contact: Marlene Lambe Chief Financial Officer 729 – 2923

BACKGROUND

Under Sections 31 to 38 of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* (the Rules), Members are permitted one return trip per week between the Capital Region and the District when the House is in Session. However, a Member might wish to return to his or her district during the week while the House is in Session to attend to constituency business in the district. The current Rules did not provide for the reimbursement of travel related expenses for additional trip(s) to the district during the week while the House is in Session. Such a trip could not be charged under the annual allocation of 20 trips permitted when House Not In Session (HNIS).

At its September 22, 2010 meeting the Commission approved an amendment to the Rules to provide that a Member would be entitled to reimbursement of expenses related to a “mid-week” trip(s) to his or her district provided that the trip is required to attend to constituency business. The trip **must** be counted as one of the 20 trips provided for under HNIS.

The rule amendment became effective on October 22, 2010, the date of publication in the NL Gazette.

The *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* are amended by adding immediately after section 37.1 the following:

Midweek Sessional Travel for Constituency Business

37.2 (1) Where, while the House of Assembly is in session, a member travels between the capital region and his or her constituency or permanent residence in order to

attend to constituency business, that member may claim the costs associated with that travel.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), travel costs may be claimed as if the claim were for one of the 20 return trips permitted under sections 35, 36 or 37.

William MacKenzie
Clerk of the House of Assembly