Draft Order in Council laid before Parliament under section 1B of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No.

PARLIAMENT

The Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 (Amendment) Order 2026

Made - - - - ***

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the *** day of ***

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

In accordance with section 1B of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975(**a**), a draft of this Order was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1B of that Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order as follows.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 (Amendment) Order 2026.

(2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Amendment of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975

2.—(1) The Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act") is amended in accordance with articles 3 to 6.

(2) The amendments made by articles 3 to 5 have effect from the beginning of 1st April 2026.

(3) The amendments made by article 6 have effect for the period of 12 months beginning with 1st April 2026 and each successive period of 12 months.

(**a**) 1975 c. 27. Section 1B was inserted by section 1(2) of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1997 (c. 62).

Ministerial salaries

3.—(1) In section 1(2) (Lord Chancellor's salary)(**a**)—

(a) in paragraph (a), for "£68,827" substitute "£75,170";

(b) in paragraph (b), for "£101,038" substitute "£110,351".

(2) In Schedule 1 (Ministerial salaries)(**b**), for Parts 1 to 4 substitute the provisions in the Schedule to this Order.

Opposition Leaders' and Whips' salaries

4. In Schedule 2 (Opposition Leaders' and Whips' salaries)(**c**), for the table in Part 1 substitute—

"Position	*Salary (£)*
In the House of Commons—	
Leader of the Opposition	68,911
Chief Opposition Whip	36,045
Assistant Opposition Whips	21,021
In the House of Lords—	
Leader of the Opposition	75,043
Chief Opposition Whip	69,392".

Speakers' salaries

5. In section 1 (salaries)—

(a) in subsection (3) (speaker of the House of Commons)(**d**), for "£75,766" substitute "£82,750";

(b) in subsection (3A) (speaker of the House of Lords)(**e**), for "£101,038" substitute "£110,351".

Alteration of salaries

6. In section 1A (alteration of salaries), for subsections (1) to (2A) substitute—

"(1) For each period of 12 months beginning with 1st April, the annual amount of any salary payable under section 1 is to be increased by the relevant percentage.

(2) The relevant percentage is the average percentage by which the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands below that of permanent secretary, having effect from 1st April of the period concerned, have increased compared with the previous 1st April.

(2A) But in relation to the period of 12 months beginning with 1st April 2026, the relevant percentage is—

(a) the relevant percentage determined in accordance with subsection (2), or

(**a**) Section 1(2) was last amended by paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 11 to the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (c. 25).
(**b**) Parts 1 to 4 of Schedule 1 were substituted by S.I. 2011/1689.
(**c**) Part 1 of Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 2011/1689.
(**d**) Subsection (3) was last amended by S.I. 2011/1689.
(**e**) Subsection (3A) was inserted by S.I. 2006/1640; and was last amended by S.I. 2011/1689.

(b) if higher, the average percentage by which the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands (including that of permanent secretary), having effect from 1st April 2026, have increased compared with 1st April 2025.".

Name
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 3(2)

Ministerial salaries

"PART 1

Office	*Salary (£)*
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury	83,837
Chancellor of the Exchequer	75,170

	Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
Secretary of State Any of the following offices for so long as the holder is a member of the Cabinet— (a) Lord President of the Council (b) Lord Privy Seal (c) Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (d) Paymaster General (e) Chief Secretary to the Treasury (f) Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (g) Minister of State	75,170	110,351

PART 2

Office	*Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)*	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
1. Any of the offices listed at (a) to (g) of Part 1 for so long as the holder is not a member of the Cabinet 2. Minister in charge of a public department of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom who is not a member of	36,045	86,162

Office	*Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)*	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
the Cabinet, and who is not eligible for a salary under any other provision of this Act 3. Financial Secretary to the Treasury		

PART 3

Office	*Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)*	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
Attorney General	104,599	115,440
Solicitor General	64,706	100,211
Advocate General for Scotland	64,706	100,211

PART 4

Office	*Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)*	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
Parliamentary Secretary other than Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury	25,882	75,043
Treasurer of His Majesty's Household	36,045	
Comptroller of His Majesty's Household Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household Junior Lord of the Treasury Assistant Whip, House of Commons	21,021	
Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms		86,162
Captain of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard		75,043

Office	*Salary if the holder is a member of the House of Commons (£)*	*Salary if the holder is not a member of the House of Commons (£)*
Lord in Waiting		69,392”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order in Council)

This Order changes the annual amount of salaries payable under section 1 of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 (“the 1975 Act”) to Ministers, Opposition Leaders and Whips and the Commons and Lords Speakers. This Order also updates the formula in section 1A of the 1975 Act that provides for annual alterations of those salaries.

Article 2 provides that the amounts of salaries specified in this Order have effect from the beginning of 1st April 2026. It also provides that the updated formula in section 1A has effect for the period of 12 months beginning with 1st April 2026 and each successive period of 12 months (so that the amounts specified in this Order will be altered for the period beginning with 1st April 2026 and each successive period).

Articles 3 to 5, and the Schedule, set out the new salaries payable under section 1 of the 1975 Act.

Article 6 updates the formula in section 1B of the 1975 Act so that it refers to the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands below that of permanent secretary, subject to a transitional measure for the period of 12 months beginning with 1st April 2026.

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