STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 905

PARLIAMENT

The Ministerial and other Salaries and Pensions Order 1979

Laid before Parliament in draft
Made - - - - - *26th July* 1979
Coming into Operation *26th July* 1979

At the Court of Saint James, the 26th day of July 1979

Present,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 16th day of July 1979, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section 1(4) of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975(**a**) and sections 4(3A) and 29(2A) of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972(**b**):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said section 1(4) and the said sections 4(3A) and 29 (2A), and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, commencement, revocation and saving

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ministerial and other Salaries and Pensions Order 1979.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 26 July 1979.

(3) The Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1978(**c**) is hereby revoked.

(4) The revocation of the Order of 1978 does not affect the amount, as substituted by the Order, of—

(*a*) the salary of the Lord Chancellor (amounting, together with the salary payable to him as Speaker of the House of Lords, to £22,228); or

(**a**) 1975 c. 27.
(**b**) 1972 c. 48; ss. 4 and 29 were amended by ss. 2 and 5 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1976 (c. 48).
(**c**) S.I. 1978/1102.

(*b*) the salary of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury (£22,000).

Increase of Ministerial Salaries

2. For the amount, or the maximum or minimum amount, of salary specified in Parts I, II, III and IV of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1975 in relation to each of the offices specified in the first column of Schedule 1 to this Order there shall be substituted the amount, or the maximum or minimum amount, of salary specified in relation to that office in the second column of that Schedule.

Increase of salaries of Opposition Leaders and Whips

3. For the amount of salary specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to the Act of 1975 in relation to each of the positions specified in the first column of Schedule 2 to this Order there shall be substituted the amount of salary specified in relation to that position in the second column of that Schedule.

Increase of the Speaker's salary

4. For the amount specified in subsection (3) of section 1 of the Act of 1975 as the salary of the Speaker of the House of Commons there shall be substituted £19,650.

Increase of salaries for pension purposes

5.—(1) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of section 4 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972 (amounts deducted from office-holders' salaries for payment into the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund)—

(*a*) the salaries specified in the second column of Schedule 1 to this Order shall be regarded as being payable at the rates specified in the third column of that Schedule ;

(*b*) the salaries specified in the second column of Schedule 2 to this Order shall be regarded as being payable at the rates specified in the third column of that Schedule ; and

(*c*) the salaries specified in the second column of Schedule 3 to this Order shall be regarded as being payable at the rates specified in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (2) of section 29 of the Act of 1972 (increase of pension of Prime Minister, the Speaker and Lord Chancellor)—

(*a*) the salary of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury shall be regarded as being payable at the rate of £33,000 ;

(*b*) the aggregate salary of the Lord Chancellor shall be regarded as being payable at the rate of £37,000 ; and

(*c*) the increased salary specified in Article 4 of this Order in relation to the Speaker of the House of Commons shall be regarded as being payable at the rate of £25,000.

N. E. Leigh,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

SCHEDULE 1

Ministerial Salaries

Office	*Increased salary* £	*Higher salary for pension purposes* £
PART I		
Chancellor of the Exchequer Secretary of State Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	19,650	25,000
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.	19,764	25,000
PART II		
1. Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury for so long as the holder is not a member of the Cabinet.	12,625–15,225	20,000
2. Any of the offices listed at (*a*) to (*e*) and (*g*) in Part I above for so long as the holder is not a member of the Cabinet.	12,625–15,225	17,000
3. Minister in charge of a public department of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom who is not a member of the Cabinet, and who is not otherwise eligible for a salary under the Act of 1975.	12,625–15,339	20,000
4. Financial Secretary to the Treasury	12,625–13,725	17,000
PART III		
Attorney General	21,225	26,500
Lord Advocate	16,550	21,000
Solicitor General	16,550	21,000
Solicitor General for Scotland	13,548	18,000
PART IV		
Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms	12,361	17,000
Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household	11,250	17,000
Parliamentary Secretary other than Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury.	9,811	13,000
Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard.	9,536	13,000
Lord in Waiting	8,261	11,000
Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household Junior Lord of the Treasury Assistant Whip, House of Commons	7,700	11,000

SCHEDULE 2

Opposition Leaders and Whips

Office	*Increased salary* £	*Higher salary for pension purposes* £
In the House of Commons—		
Leader of the Opposition	16,225	22,000
Chief Opposition Whip	12,625	17,000
Assistant Opposition Whips	7,700	11,000
In the House of Lords—		
Leader of the Opposition	8,701	13,000
Chief Opposition Whip	7,124	11,000

SCHEDULE 3

Other office holders

Office	*Increased salary* £	*Higher salary for pension purposes* £
In the House of Commons—		
Chairman of Ways and Means	12,212	17,000
Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means	10,525	15,000
In the House of Lords—		
Chairman of Committees	12,498	17,000
Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees	10,811	15,000

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases salaries payable under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 to Ministers, to salaried Members of the Opposition and to the Speaker of the House of Commons as the first stage of the implementation of the salaries recommended by Report No. 12 of the Review Body on Top Salaries (Cmnd. 7598). The Order also provides that for pension purposes those salaries and the salaries of certain other office holders should be regarded as being payable at the levels recommended in that Report.

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