STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1823

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Assembly (Pay and Allowances) Order 1984

Made - - - - -	*22nd November* 1984
Coming into Operation	*22nd November* 1984

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of November 1984

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 26(2), (2A) and (6) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973**(a)**, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Assembly (Pay and Allowances) Order 1984.

(2) This Order shall come into operation forthwith and shall have effect as provided therein.

(3) Subject to Article 4(4) below, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Pay and Allowances) Order 1982**(b)** is hereby revoked.

2. There shall be paid to each member of the Assembly—

(*a*) a salary, as respects the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st December 1984, at the rate of £9,656 a year and, thereafter, at the rate of £10,139 a year;

(*b*) an allowance to defray expenses incurred by him on secretarial assistance in carrying out his duties as a member, as respects the period commencing with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985, at a rate not exceeding £7,462 a year and, thereafter, at a rate not exceeding £7,527 a year; and

(*c*) allowances at the rates specified in Article 4 below to defray expenses incurred by him on travelling in Northern Ireland in carrying out his duties as a member.

(a) 1973 c. 36; section 26(2) was extended by section 4(3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 (c. 38) and section 26(2A) was inserted by paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 2 to that Act.

(b) S.I. 1982/1079.

3.—(1) In addition to the salary payable under Article 2(*a*) above, there shall be paid to the member of the Assembly who is—

(*a*) the presiding officer, a salary, as respects the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st December 1984, at the rate of £10,388 a year and, thereafter, at the rate of £10,907 a year;

(*b*) the chairman of any of the committees established in pursuance of paragraph (*a*) of section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1982**(a)**, a salary, as respects the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st December 1984, at the rate of £3,219 a year and, thereafter, at the rate of £3,380 a year;

(*c*) the deputy chairman of any such committee, a salary, as respects the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st December 1984, at the rate of £1,610 a year and, thereafter, at the rate of £1,690 a year.

(2) The additional salaries referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be payable—

(*a*) in the case of the presiding officer as from the day of his election, and

(*b*) in the case of a chairman or deputy chairman of any of the committees referred to in paragraph (1)(*b*) above as from the day of his appointment to that office,

and shall cease on the day on which the presiding officer, chairman or deputy chairman, as the case may be, ceases to hold the office in question.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the rates of allowances referred to in Article 2(*c*) above are—

(*a*) in the case of a railway journey, the cost of the fare for that journey;

(*b*) in the case of a journey by an omnibus, the cost of the fare for that journey;

(*c*) in the case of a journey by a motor vehicle other than an omnibus or motor cycle—

(i) as respects the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985, 27p for every mile of that journey not exceeding a total distance of 5,000 miles travelled in that period and 16p for every mile exceeding that distance travelled in that period by the member in question;

(ii) as respects any financial year beginning on or after 1st April 1985, 27p for every mile of that journey not exceeding a total distance of 10,000 miles travelled in that year and 16p for every mile exceeding that distance travelled in that year by the member in question;

(a) 1982 c. 38.

(*d*) in the case of a journey by motor cycle—

(i) the engine capacity of which does not exceed 150 c.c., 6.4p for every mile of that journey;

(ii) the engine capacity of which exceeds 150 c.c. and does not exceed 250 c.c., 8.6p for every mile of that journey; or

(iii) the engine capacity of which exceeds 250 c.c., 12.7p for every mile of that journey;

(*e*) in the case of a journey to Rathlin Island, the cost of the fare for that journey.

(2) Where two or more members of the Assembly share a motor vehicle for the purposes of making a journey, the sum payable under paragraph (1)(*c*) above shall be divided by the number of members making that journey.

(3) In this Article—

"motor cycle" means any mechanically propelled vehicle with two wheels and

"omnibus" means any motor vehicle used for carrying passengers on predetermined routes at separate fares.

(4) Paragraph (1)(*c*)(i) above shall not have effect so as to reduce the amount of any allowance which would have been payable in respect of the period between 1st October 1984 and the date of the coming into operation of this Order if this Order had not been made.

G. I. de Deney,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes the salary and allowances which are payable to each member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, which replace those provided for in the Northern Ireland Assembly (Pay and Allowances) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1079), which is revoked. The Order prescribes an additional salary which is payable to the member who is the presiding officer, as well as additional salaries for the members who are appointed chairmen or deputy chairmen of the committees established in pursuance of section 4(1)(*a*) of the Northern Ireland Act 1982. Allowances are also payable to a member for the purpose of defraying expenses on secretarial assistance and travel within Northern Ireland which are incurred by him in carrying out his duties as a member.

All the present salaries and allowances are increased by the Order except those which consist of reimbursement of actual travelling expenses and the allowance for travel by a motor cycle. The salaries of members and of the committee chairmen and deputy chairmen are increased, with effect from 1st October 1984, by approximately 11 per cent. and the presiding officer's salary by 9.4 per cent. from the same date. These salaries (as increased) are subject to a further increase of 5 per cent. with effect from 1st January 1985. The secretarial allowance is increased, with effect from 1st October 1984, by 41 per cent. and by a further amount of approximately 0.9 per cent. with effect from 1st April 1985. The present fixed rate allowance for travel by a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle or omnibus) is replaced by an allowance which varies according to the total distance travelled by a member in any financial year.

To the extent that the increases have retrospective effect, they are authorised by section 26(2A) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973.

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