

FIRST REPORT
of the
STANDING COMMITTEE
on
RULES, ELECTIONS AND PRIVILEGES

Third Session of the 26th Legislative Assembly
April, 1987

Terms of Reference

On February 4, 1987 the Yukon Legislative Assembly resolved:

THAT the following matters be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges for review and recommendation:

- (a) indemnities, expense allowances and salaries payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) limits on and rules respecting expenses for which Members may be reimbursed;
- (c) benefits payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- (d) levels and utilization of caucus funding and services; and
- (e) levels of death benefits and retirement allowances as found in the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act.

In this report the committee makes recommendations on items (a), (b), (c) and (e) within the context of the legislation governing those matters, the Legislative Assembly Act and the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act. The committee has no comment on item (d), levels and utilization of caucus funding and services, and believes decisions on those matters would be better left to the Members' Services Board.

Legislative Assembly Act

Sections 40.1 to 40.11 of the Legislative Assembly Act establish the allowances and salaries payable to members and set out the circumstances in which members are to be reimbursed for travel expenses. These sections and a summary description of their contents are attached to this report as Appendix I. A table showing the current indemnities, expense allowances and salaries payable to members pursuant to sections 40.1 to 40.5 of the Legislative Assembly Act is attached as Appendix II. The figures found in this table have remained unchanged since April 1, 1984.

(1) Indemnities and Expense Allowances

It is always a difficult proposition for the members of any legislature to devise a fair and rational formula for their own pay. The committee, in considering this issue, has held to the principle expressed by previous committees that a member's pay should be neither an incentive nor a disincentive to run for office. Also, though cognizant of the changes which have taken place in the remuneration of the territorial public service, it is the committee's view that to tie members' pay to such changes, while a simple and convenient move, would not be advisable. There are two reasons for this attitude. First, and most fundamentally, members of the legislative assembly are the peoples' elected representatives; they are not civil servants and any actions taken which create the illusion that they are would be a disservice to the parliamentary system of government. Secondly, if the pay of members is linked with that of the public service, an argument could easily be made that legislators would have a conflict of interest when playing their part in the negotiation and settlement of collective agreements with the civil service.

The committee, therefore, decided to review the pay of the members of other Canadian legislatures (see Appendix III for a survey of other jurisdictions) to determine whether the experience of their colleagues across the country could be of

assistance. It was concluded that adopting the average indemnity and expense allowance payable to members of the eight smaller provincial legislatures (i.e. excluding those of Quebec and Ontario) at April 1, 1986, would lead to an equitable rate of pay for members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

It is, therefore, recommended:

THAT, effective April 1, 1986, the indemnity for members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be increased from \$22,854 per annum to \$24,512 per annum; and

THAT, effective April 1, 1986, the expense allowance for members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly representing electoral districts within the City of Whitehorse be increased from \$8,979 per annum to \$10,701 per annum.

It should be noted that the committee is not recommending that members of committees of the Yukon Legislative Assembly should receive any salary for committee work and that seven of the eight legislatures involved in this formula do provide for such payments.

In recognition of the position of members representing electoral districts outside Whitehorse the committee feels that the past practice of providing an expense allowance equal to 50% of the indemnity should be continued and it, therefore, recommends:

THAT, effective April 1, 1986, the expense allowance for members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly representing electoral districts outside of the City of Whitehorse be increased from \$11,427 per annum to \$12,256 per annum.

(2) Salaries - Executive Council

The committee feels that the salaries of members of the Executive Council should not be changed at this time and recommends:

THAT the salaries of members of the Executive Council remain at \$22,260 per annum.

(3) Salaries - Leaders

(a) Government Leader

The committee's review of the salaries of premiers of the provinces indicates they are paid, on average, 1.37 times as much as their cabinet colleagues. The committee feels this is a fair reflection of the additional responsibilities of the position and, in adopting the above ratio, recommends:

THAT the Government Leader be paid a salary, in addition to his pay as a member of the Executive Council, of \$8,236 per annum.

(b) Leader of the Official Opposition

In eight of the ten provincial legislatures the Leader of the Official Opposition is paid a salary equivalent to or greater than that of a cabinet minister. The committee is of the opinion that this recognizes the importance of the Leader of the Official Opposition in our parliamentary system and the additional duties and responsibilities of the person occupying that position. It is, therefore, recommended:

THAT the Leader of the Official Opposition be paid a salary equivalent to that of a member of the Executive Council.

(c) Leader of a Third Party

In five of the ten provincial legislatures the leader of a third party is not paid an additional salary. In Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Ontario, however, such a leader is paid a salary equal to or greater than 50% of that of a minister and in Quebec and Alberta a leader of a third party is paid a salary equal to 39% and 18% respectively of a minister's salary. The committee has chosen to approximate the Alberta example and recommends:

THAT the leader of a third party be paid a salary equal to 20% of the salary payable to a member of the Executive Council.

(4) Salaries - Presiding Officers

(a) Speaker

In four of the ten provincial legislatures the Speaker is paid a salary equivalent to that of a cabinet minister. The Speaker's salary in the other provinces, as a percentage of that paid to a minister, is as follows: Prince Edward Island - 32%; New Brunswick - 75%; Ontario - 74%; Manitoba - 75%; Saskatchewan - 39%; and British Columbia - 79%. The committee, while recognizing the vital position of the Speaker in our parliamentary system, does not feel that the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly holds the same administrative responsibilities as Speakers in many of the other jurisdictions and, therefore, has chosen to adopt the practice of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island. It is recommended:

THAT the salary of the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be equivalent to one-third of that payable to a member of the Executive Council.

(b) Deputy Speaker

Past practice has been to pay the Deputy Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly a salary equal to 50% of that paid to the Speaker. In recognition of the amount of time the Assembly spends in Committee of the Whole, where the Deputy Speaker is the chairman, the committee recommends:

THAT the Deputy Speaker be paid a salary equal to 75% of that payable to the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

(c) Chairman of Committees

At present only the chairmen of select committees are paid an additional salary. The committee is not convinced that this is an equitable situation and recommends:

THAT no additional salaries be paid to the chairmen or to any members of standing, special or select committees.

(5) Future Amendment of Indemnities and Expense Allowances

The committee realizes from past experience that it is very difficult to devise an adequate formula for the amendment of indemnities and expense allowances. It also recognizes that, even though there clearly are times when the pay of members should be reviewed, the political problems engendered by such reviews cause members to avoid doing them in a systematic and regular way. Witness to this is the fact that the last amendments to the provisions respecting members' pay took effect on April 1, 1984. It is, therefore, the committee's opinion that an effort should once again be made to devise an amending formula and the committee recommends:

THAT the indemnities and expense allowances of members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly should be amended on April 1 of each year to reflect the percentage change in the average annual Consumer Price Index for Canada.

(6) Travel, Living and Accommodation Expenses

Members representing electoral districts outside of the City of Whitehorse are now allowed to claim up to \$4,400 per annum for reimbursement of living and accommodation expenses incurred in travel during periods when the House is not sitting. There is also a maximum of 24 return trips set on such travel. The experience of some members has shown that this is not sufficient and the committee recommends:

THAT the maximums found in subsections 40.7(3) and 40.7(5) of the Legislative Assembly Act be set at \$8,800 and 48 trips per annum.

It has also been found that some flexibility should be built into this particular section as some members who reside close to Whitehorse, since they travel to and from Whitehorse in the space of a single day, may quickly utilize the maximum number of trips without making much of a dent in the allowable living and accommodation expenses. The committee, therefore, recommends:

THAT the Members' Services Board be given the power to approve reasonable modifications to the maximums for living and accommodation expenses and for return trips where such action would appear to the Board to comply with the spirit and intent of section 40.7 of the Legislative Assembly Act.

Similar provisions exist for the payment of expenses of cabinet ministers who represent electoral districts outside of Whitehorse for travel to their electoral districts on constituency business. The committee feels that the maximums, in these cases, should also be doubled and recommends:

THAT the maximums found in subsections 40.8(2) and 40.8(4) of the Legislative Assembly Act be set at \$4,400 and 24 trips per annum.

Section 40.7.1 of the Legislative Assembly Act permits a member representing an electoral district outside Whitehorse to be reimbursed for renting or leasing accommodation in Whitehorse to a maximum of \$400 per month. Cabinet ministers are not allowed to so claim. The committee is of the opinion that, since the maximum was set in the fall of 1980 when the average rent for a one bedroom suite in Whitehorse was \$313 per month and since the average rent for such suites in September of 1986 was \$445 per month, it is well past time for an adjustment to be made. The committee is also of the view that this maximum should be regularly reviewed and would more appropriately be set by Order-in-Council. It, therefore, recommends:

THAT the Members' Services Board review, on an annual basis, the average September rent for one bedroom suites and make appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner in Executive Council for amendments to the regulations establishing the maximum amount payable for reimbursement of expenses incurred in renting or leasing accommodation in the City of Whitehorse.

The committee also has some sympathy for the plight of cabinet ministers representing electoral districts outside Whitehorse as they are often forced to maintain two residences and, currently, may not receive any form of reimbursement for either one. The committee does not believe this to be an equitable situation and recommends:

THAT all members who represent an electoral district outside Whitehorse be reimbursed for rented or leased accommodation in the City of Whitehorse.

The committee recognizes that the leaders in the Assembly are often requested to travel within Yukon to attend various functions and that there is currently no provision within the Legislative Assembly Act which covers such travel. The committee feels that some allowance should be made in this respect and recommends:

THAT the Government Leader, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the leader of a third party should be allowed to claim for reimbursement of travel expenses incurred in their roles as leaders to a maximum of 12 return trips and \$2,200 in living and accommodation expenses per annum.

Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act

The committee has reviewed the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act and compared those provisions with the pension plans for members found in other Canadian jurisdictions. The Yukon is the only jurisdiction which does not take into account in the calculation of pensions the salaries earned by members as ministers, presiding officers or leaders. The committee believes this to be a serious deficiency in the present legislation and recommends:

THAT the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act be amended to provide that pensions be calculated on the basis of the highest three consecutive year average earnings of a member.

Ministers currently receive a payment equal to 6-1/2% of their ministerial salary in lieu of a pension plan. Based on acceptance of the above recommendation the committee recommends:

THAT the payments to ministers in lieu of a pension plan cease being made.

The committee also believes that former members with long service should be able to receive a pension at an earlier age than 55 if they so desire and, accordingly, recommends:

THAT the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act be amended to allow a former member to begin receiving an actuarially reduced pension as early as the age of 50 years.

This legislation provides for the payment of a lump sum to the estate or beneficiary of a member upon the death of the member. If the member had less than six years of service the sum is calculated by multiplying the indemnity and expense allowance of the member by a figure of 15%. If the member served more than six years this amount is then increased by multiplying it by the number of years of service. The committee does not believe this to be just and recommends:

THAT the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act be amended to provide that the number of years of service of all members should be included in the formula for calculating death benefits and, in no case, should a member be credited with less than one year of service.

The committee considers the lack of a severance allowance to be a serious omission from the present legislation and recommends:

THAT a severance allowance plan be incorporated in the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act which would provide for the payment to a member ceasing to be a member of the Legislative Assembly, through electoral defeat or retirement, of an amount equal to 25% of the indemnity, expense allowance and salary, if any, received by the member during the preceding year.



David P. Porter
Chairman

April, 1987

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACT

<u>Section</u>	<u>Description</u>
40.1(1)	Sets indemnity (\$22,854) and expense allowance (\$11,427) for M.L.A.s who are also Cabinet Ministers
40.1(2)	Sets indemnity (\$22,854) and expense allowance (\$11,427) for M.L.A.s representing electoral districts outside Whitehorse
40.1(3)	Sets indemnity (\$22,854) and expense allowance (\$8,979) for M.L.A.s representing electoral districts within Whitehorse
40.1(4)	Purpose of expense allowance
40.1(5)	When indemnity and expense allowance payable
40.1(6)-(7)	Provisions respecting deduction from indemnity (\$100 per day) for absence
40.2	Sets salary for Speaker (\$6,678), Deputy Speaker (\$3,339) and Chairman of Select Committee (\$2,226) and establishes when such salaries are payable
40.3	Sets salary for Ministers (\$22,260) and establishes when payable
40.4	Sets salary for Government Leader (\$5,565) and establishes when payable
40.5	Sets salary for Leader of the Official Opposition (\$2,783) and Leader of a third party (\$1,113) and establishes when payable
40.6	All remuneration to be paid on a bi-weekly basis
40.7(1)	Members to be reimbursed for travel expenses for attendance at sitting of House or committee, and at event as representative of Assembly, Speaker or Government
40.7(2)-(6)	Member representing electoral district outside Whitehorse to be reimbursed for travel expenses in periods when the House is not sitting to attend caucus or while on business as an M.L.A.; sets maximum of 24 return trips and \$4,400 in living expenses per annum
40.7(7)	Ministers are deemed to reside in Whitehorse
40.7.1(1)-(2)	Member may be reimbursed for renting accommodation to a maximum of \$400 per month

- 40.7.1(3) If Member rents accommodation the maximum for living expenses under 40.7(3) is reduced to \$2,200 per annum
- 40.8 Minister representing electoral district outside Whitehorse to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in travelling to electoral district; sets maximum of 12 return trips and \$2,200 in living expenses per annum
- 40.9 No reimbursement allowed for travel expenses incurred between dissolution and official addition at election
- 40.10 Speaker and Deputy Speaker to be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties
- 40.11 M.L.A.s deemed to be workers within Workers' Compensation Act

ALLOWANCES AND SALARIES

- Executive Council 40.1(1) Each member appointed to the Executive Council or to the Advisory Committee on Finance or to both, shall be paid an indemnity of \$22,854 per annum and an expense allowance of \$11,427 per annum. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.1; 1983 Fall Sitting s.2; 1984 Fall Sitting s.2)
- Members from outside Whitehorse (2) An indemnity of \$22,854 per annum and an expense allowance of \$11,427 per annum shall be paid to each member to whom subsection (1) does not apply and who represents one of the following electoral districts:
(a) Campbell;
(b) Faro;
(c) Hootalinqua;
(d) Klondike;
(e) Kluane;
(f) Mayo;
(g) Old Crow;
(h) Tatchun; or
(i) Watson Lake.
(1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.1; 1983 Fall Sitting s.2; 1984 Fall Sitting s.2)
- Whitehorse members (3) An indemnity of \$22,854 per annum and an expense allowance of \$8,979 per annum shall be paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly to whom subsection (1) does not apply and who represents one of the following electoral districts:
(a) Whitehorse North Centre;
(b) Whitehorse Porter Creek East;
(c) Whitehorse Porter Creek West;
(d) Whitehorse Riverdale North;
(e) Whitehorse Riverdale South;
(f) Whitehorse South Centre; or
(g) Whitehorse West.
(1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.1; 1983 Fall Sitting s.2; 1984 Fall Sitting s.2)
- Allowances (4) The expense allowances referred to in subsection (1), (2) and (3) are provided to pay for the expenses of that member incident to the discharge of his duties as a member. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Computing amount of allowance

- (5) For the purpose of computing the amount of any allowances payable pursuant to this section a member shall be deemed to have been a member from the polling day on which he was elected up to and including the earlier of,
- (a) the day preceding the polling day following the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of which he is a member; or
 - (b) the day on which he dies, resigns, is disqualified, or otherwise ceases to be a member. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Deduction for absence

- (6) From the indemnity payable to a member under this section a deduction of \$100 shall be made,
- (a) for each day the member is absent from a sitting of the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (b) for each day the member is absent from a sitting of a committee of which he is a member, where his absence is not excused by the rules of the committee providing for another member of the Legislative Assembly to take the place of the absent committee member. (1981 Spring Sitting s.1)

Exception

- (7) No deduction shall be made under subsection (6) in respect of any absence resulting from,
- (a) the sickness of the member;
 - (b) a sickness or death in the immediate family of the member;
 - (c) any cause beyond the reasonable control of the member as determined by the Speaker; or
 - (d) the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of Yukon, or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly. (1981 Spring Sitting s.1)

Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Select Committee

- 40.2(1) In addition to the amounts provided in section 40.1 there shall be paid:
- (a) to the member elected Speaker, a salary of \$6,678 per annum; (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.2; 1983 Fall Sitting s.3; 1984 Fall Sitting s.3)
 - (b) to the member elected Deputy Speaker, a salary of \$3,339 per annum; (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.2; 1983 Fall Sitting s.3; 1984 Fall Sitting s.3) and

(c) to a member who is the chairman of a select committee, a salary of \$2,226 per annum. (1981 Spring Sitting s.2; 1983 Fall Sitting s.3; 1984 Fall Sitting s.3)

Computing salary payable to Speaker

(2) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section, a Speaker shall be deemed to occupy the position up to and including the earlier of,

(a) the day preceding the date fixed by Proclamation for the beginning of the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly after the Legislative Assembly of which he is a member is dissolved; or

(b) the day on which he dies, resigns, is disqualified, or otherwise ceases to occupy the position. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Computing salary payable to Deputy Speaker

(3) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section, a Deputy Speaker shall be deemed to occupy the position up to and including the earlier of,

(a) the day preceding the polling day following the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of which he is a member; or

(b) the day on which he dies, resigns, is disqualified or otherwise ceases to occupy the position. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Executive Council and Advisory Committee on Finance

40.3(1) In addition to the amounts provided in section 40.1, there shall be paid to each member appointed to the Executive Council or to the Advisory Committee on Finance or to both, a salary of \$22,260 per annum. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.4; 1984 Fall Sitting s.4)

Computing salary payable to Executive Council

(2) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section, each member appointed to the Executive Council shall be deemed to occupy his position on the Executive Council from and including the day of his appointment up to and including the earlier of,

(a) the day on which his appointment is terminated; or

(b) the day on which he dies, resigns, is disqualified or otherwise ceases to occupy the position. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

- Computing salary payable to Advisory Committee on Finance member
- (3) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section, each member appointed to the Advisory Committee on Finance shall be deemed to occupy his position on the Committee from and including the day of his appointment up to and including the earlier of,
- (a) the day of the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of which he is a member; or
- (b) the day on which he dies, resigns, is disqualified or otherwise ceases to occupy the position. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)
- Government Leader
- 40.4(1) In addition to the amounts provided in sections 40.1 and 40.3, the Government Leader shall be paid a salary of \$5,565 per annum. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.5; 1984 Fall Sitting s.5)
- Computing salary payable to Government Leader
- (2) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section the Government Leader shall be deemed to occupy his position for the period that he is:
- (a) the recognized Leader of the Party or coalition that forms the Government; and
- (b) a member of the Executive Council. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)
- Leader of the Official Opposition
- 40.5(1) In addition to the amounts provided in section 40.1, the Leader of the Official Opposition shall be paid a salary of \$2,783 per annum. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.6; 1984 Fall Sitting s.6)
- Other Leaders of Parties
- (2) Every Leader of a Party, other than the Government Leader and the Leader of the Official Opposition, shall be paid, in addition to the amounts provided in section 40.1, a salary of \$1,113 per annum. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.6; 1984 Fall Sitting s.6)
- Computing salary payable to Leaders of a Party
- (3) For the purpose of computing the amount of salary payable under this section, a Leader of a Party, other than the Government Leader, shall be deemed to have occupied his position from the later of the polling day on which he was elected a member and the day on which he becomes Leader, up to and including the earlier of,
- (a) the day preceding the polling day following the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of which he is a member; or

(b) the day on which he resigns, dies, is disqualified, or otherwise ceases to occupy the position. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Payment of indemnities, etc.

40.6(1) The indemnities, expense allowances and salaries mentioned in sections 40.1, 40.2, 40.3, 40.4, and 40.5 are payable every fourteen days. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

(2) Repealed. (1983 Fall Sitting s.7)

(3) Repealed. (1983 Fall Sitting s.7)

(4) Repealed. (1983 Fall Sitting s.7)

(5) Repealed. (1983 Fall Sitting s.7)

(6) Repealed. (1983 Fall Sitting s.7)

Accommodation and travel expenses

40.7(1) Every member who is absent from his normal place of residence in order to attend a sitting of the Legislative Assembly, a meeting of a committee of the Legislative Assembly or any meeting or event as a representative of the Legislative Assembly, of the Speaker or of the Government of Yukon, in his capacity as a member shall be,

(a) reimbursed for his actual expenditure for accommodation; and

(b) paid an allowance for meals, incidental expenses and travelling expenses at the rate in force at the time for the public service. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Meetings away from place of residence

(2) A member representing the electoral district of,

(a) Campbell;

(b) Faro;

(c) Hootalinqua;

(d) Klondike;

(e) Kluane;

(f) Mayo;

(g) Old Crow;

(h) Tatchun; or

(i) Watson Lake

who is absent from his normal place of residence in order to attend a meeting of the caucus of a Party or to attend any meeting or event in his capacity

as a member during a period when the Legislative Assembly is not sitting shall be paid an allowance for meals and incidental expenses at the rate in force at the time for the public service, and shall be reimbursed for his actual expenditures for accommodation. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Maximum amount (3) The maximum amount payable to a member under subsection (2) in each fiscal year is \$4,400. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.5; 1983 Fall Sitting s.2 of No. 2)

Travel expenses (4) A member who is absent from his normal place of residence under subsection (2) shall be paid an allowance in respect of travelling expenses incurred at the rate in force at the time for the public service. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Maximum (5) An allowance may be paid to a member pursuant to subsection (4) in respect of not more than 24 return trips in each fiscal year. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1981 Spring Sitting s.5; 1983 Fall Sitting s.2 of No. 2)

Restriction (6) A reimbursement or allowance is payable to a member under this section only in respect of his time necessarily spent in attendance under subsection (1) or (2) and his time necessarily spent in travel. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Deemed residence (7) For the purposes of this section, every member of the Executive Council or of the Advisory Committee on Finance shall be deemed to reside in the City of Whitehorse. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Renting or leasing accommodation 40.7.1(1) Notwithstanding subsections 40.7(1), 40.7(2) and 40.7(6), a member who qualifies for reimbursement of actual expenditures for accommodation under section 40.7 may be reimbursed for renting or leasing accommodation in the City of Whitehorse and shall be reimbursed under this section by delivering a notice in the prescribed form to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. (1983 Fall Sitting s.3 of No. 2)

- Maximum amount (2) Where a member is reimbursed under this section, he is entitled to receive the amount certified to have been paid by him to a maximum of \$400 per month. (1983 Fall Sitting s.3 of No. 2)
- Maximum for meals (3) Where a member is reimbursed under this section, the maximum amount payable to him in each fiscal year for meals and incidental expenses under subsection 40.7(3) is \$2,200. (1983 Fall Sitting s.3 of No. 2)
- Visits to electoral district 40.8(1) A member representing the electoral district of,
 (a) Campbell;
 (b) Faro;
 (c) Hootalinqua;
 (d) Klondike;
 (e) Kluane;
 (f) Mayo;
 (g) Old Crow;
 (h) Tatchun; or
 (i) Watson Lake
 who has been appointed to the Executive Council or to the Advisory Committee on Finance or to both, when visiting his electoral district in his capacity as a member, shall be paid an allowance for meals and incidental expenses at the rate in force at the time for the public service, and shall be reimbursed for his actual expenditures for accommodation. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)
- Maximum amount (2) The maximum amount payable to a member under subsection (1) in each fiscal year is \$2,200. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)
- Travel expenses (3) A member who visits his electoral district under subsection (1) shall be paid an allowance in respect of his travelling expenses at the rate in force at the time for the public service. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)
- Maximum (4) An allowance may be paid to a member pursuant to subsection (3) in respect of not more than twelve return trips in each fiscal year. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Effect of
dissolution
on expenses

40.9(1) No reimbursement or allowance is payable to a member of the Legislative Assembly under section 40.7, 40.7.1, or 40.8 in respect of expenditures made or expenses incurred between the dissolution of a Legislative Assembly and the day of the official addition of the votes pursuant to the Elections Act at the next ensuing general election. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.4 of No. 2)

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a member is entitled to be paid a reimbursement or an allowance under section 40.7, 40.7.1, or 40.8 where the expenditures were made and the expenses incurred, in respect of an absence or visit begun before the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, but in no event shall any reimbursement or allowance be paid in respect of the prolongation of an absence or visit after the member becomes aware of the dissolution. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1983 Fall Sitting s.4 of No. 2)

Travel by
Speaker or
Deputy
Speaker

40.10(1) In respect of travel in the performance of their duties, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall be paid an allowance for meals, incidental expenses and travel at the rate in force at the time for the public service, and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenditures for accommodation. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3)

Workers'
Compensation
Act

40.11(1) Every member of the Legislative Assembly shall be deemed to be a worker within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act while carrying out his duties as a member, travelling in connection with the business of, or representing, the Legislative Assembly or a Committee thereof, the caucus of a Party, the Executive Council or the Advisory Committee on Finance, and any compensation to which the member becomes entitled shall be paid by the Workers' Compensation Board. (1979 Fall Sitting s.3; 1982 Spring Sitting s.8)

Current Indemnities, Expense Allowances and Salaries
of Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly*

Indemnity	22,854
Expense Allowance (Whitehorse Members)	8,979
Expense Allowance (Out of Town and Cabinet Members)	11,427
Salaries:	
Ministers	22,260
Government Leader	5,565
Speaker	6,678
Deputy Speaker	3,339
Leader of the Official Opposition	2,783
Leader of Third Party	1,113
Chairman of Select Committee	2,226
Payment in lieu of superannuation:	
Ministers	1,447
Government Leader	362

* Note: These rates came into force on April 1, 1984.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

(1) Indemnities and Expense Allowances at April 1, 1986

<u>Province</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>	<u>Expense Allowance</u>
Newfoundland	\$24,403	\$12,201
Prince Edward Island	16,400	7,400
Nova Scotia	27,315	10,340
New Brunswick	30,640	12,256
Quebec	41,800	8,490
Ontario	36,166	12,142
Manitoba	24,136	12,068
Saskatchewan	20,968	10,484
Alberta	25,526	7,508
British Columbia	26,698	13,349

(2) Salaries at April 1, 1986

	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Premier</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Deputy Speaker</u>	<u>Leader of the Opp.</u>	<u>Leader of a third party</u>
Newfoundland	\$31,970	\$12,126	\$31,970	\$10,600	\$31,970	\$ --
P.E.I.	29,400	12,250	9,400	4,800	25,100	--
Nova Scotia	32,300	9,375	32,300	16,150	32,300	16,150
New Brunswick	27,917	13,957	20,938	10,469	27,917	--
Quebec	37,620	16,720	37,620	16,720	37,620	14,630
Ontario	26,499	18,092	19,560	8,187	31,054	15,582
Manitoba	20,531	5,980	15,500	3,500	20,531	--
Saskatchewan	28,327	9,329	11,054	6,562	28,327	14,163
Alberta	38,896	8,873	38,896	19,448	38,896	6,898
B.C.	31,283	5,197	24,762	11,056	24,762	--

