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DEFERRAL OF DETERMINATION ON PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES

The Remuneration Authority has deferred issuing a determination on parliamentary salaries signalled in its December 2010 determination.

Chairman John Errington says the removal of the international travel entitlement for serving Members of Parliament has resulted in a de facto reduction in the overall value of their remuneration.

“It had been the intention of the Authority to increase parliamentary salaries to reflect that reduction. The Authority has however decided that given the ongoing economic restraints on government spending, particularly since February 22nd it would be inappropriate to increase base salary at this time.

“The Authority has always smoothed the changes in remuneration made to reflect the use of the privileges, and feels that the current deferral is a practical approach to the current circumstances,” says Mr Errington.

The Authority will next fully review Members’ remuneration after 1 July this year and it is likely that an adjustment to reflect the removal of the international travel entitlement will be considered at that time.

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