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GRT DETERMINATION 29 OF 2024

Notice No. of 2024

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PUBLIC LAWYERS

**GRT DETERMINATION ON HOUSING ALLOWANCE, CHILD ALLOWANCE,
ELECTRICITY ALLOWANCE, GAS ALLOWANCE, WATER ALLOWANCE, FUEL
ALLOWANCE, AND TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE**

This Determination applies to positions of: (i) a Judge or Magistrate of the Judicial Service, (ii) a Court Personnel of the Judicial service, (iii) any officer of the Judicial Service, (vi) the Attorney General, (v) a Legal officer in the office of the Attorney General, (vi) the Public Prosecutor, (vii) a Prosecutor in the office of the Public Prosecutor, (viii) the Public Solicitor, (ix) a Legal officer assisting the Public Solicitor, and (x) a support staff in the office of the Attorney General, or a Support staff in the office of the Public Prosecutor or a Support staff in the office of the Public Solicitor, pursuant to subsection 13(1) of the Government Remuneration Tribunal Act No.20 of 1998 [CAP 250]. It sets out the contents as follows:

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PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 Authority

- 1.1.1 This Determination is issued pursuant to subsection 13(1) of the Government Remuneration Tribunal Act No. 20 of 1998 [CAP 250].
- 1.1.2 The Tribunal may issue guidance notes from time to time to assist employing bodies with the administration of this Determination pursuant to subsection 24 of the Government Remuneration Tribunal Act No. 20 of 1998 [CAP 250].

1.2 Application

- 1.1.3 This Determination applies to (i) a Judge or Magistrate of the Judicial Service, (ii) a Court Personnel of the Judicial service, (iii) any officer of the Judicial Service, (vi) the Attorney General, (v) a Legal officer in the office of the Attorney General, (vi) the Public Prosecutor, (vii) a Prosecutor, (viii) the Public Solicitor, (ix) a Legal officer assisting the Public Solicitor, and (x) a support staff in the office of the Attorney General, or a Support staff in the office of the Public Prosecutor or a Support staff in the office of the Public Solicitor.

PART 2. ALLOWANCES AND RELATED MATTERS

- 2.1 The Employing bodies may pay the following allowances presented in the tables, but shall not be more than the ceiling or maximum amount payable, to the employees of the positions specified in PART 1.2.
- 2.2 The officers mentioned In Part 1.2 of this Determination shall be entitled to the following.

Table 1 – Judges and Masters

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	170,000
Child	18,000
Electricity	40,000
Fuel	20,000
Gas	5,000
Telephone	10,000
Water	10,000

Note: This determination may not override the allowances and benefits of judges, masters, magistrates and members of the commission in the Judicial Services & Courts Act, Schedule Part 1, 2 & 3.

Table 2 – Chief Magistrate and Chief Registrar

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	150,000
Child	20,000
Fuel	20,000

Note: This determination may not override the allowances and benefits of judges, masters, magistrates and members of the commission in the Judicial Services & Courts Act, Schedule Part 1, 2 & 3.

Table 3 – Senior Magistrates

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	60,000
Child	20,000

Note: This determination may not override the allowances and benefits of judges, masters, magistrates and members of the commission in the Judicial Services & Courts Act, Schedule Part 1, 2 & 3.

Table 4 – Attorney General, Solicitor General, Parliamentary Counsel, Advisory Counsel and or peak positions as the Public Prosecutor and the Public Solicitor.

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	60,000
Child	20,000
Fuel	30,000

Note: Allowance rate/ amount is explicitly stated in the signed contract of the officer. For a new contract made after effective date of the determination must conform to determinations 29 of 2024 and or subject to part 1.1.2

Table 5 – Legal officer to the office of the Attorney General, Prosecutors to the office of the Prosecutor, the Legal officer to the office of the Public Solicitor (Senior Public Lawyers & Public Lawyers).

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	30,000
Child	20,000

Table 6 – Magistrates & Court personnel including general support officers to the office of the Attorney General, general support officers to the office of the Public Prosecutor, general support officers to the office of the Public Solicitor and the general support officers to the office of Financial Intelligence Unit.

ALLOWANCES	MAXIMUM (CEILING)/ MONTHLY (VT)
Housing	30,000
Child	20,000

Note: This determination may not override the allowances and benefits of magistrates in the Judicial Services & Courts Act, Schedule Part 2 & 3.

3. Related matters

3.1 No other form of allowances similar to those stated on Part 2 (Table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) of this Determination shall be paid to the officers mentioned on Part 1(1.2) of this Determination without the approval of the Tribunal, if not already approved by the Tribunal.

3.2 This Determination shall apply to, a clerk of the Island Courts, an officer of the Financial Services Unit, and any officer appointed as a legal practitioner for, or any officer appointed to assist in the general administration or support service of, the office of the Attorney General, the office of the Public Prosecutor, or the office of the Public Solicitor.

PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Determination takes effect as of 1st December 2024.

The Determination supersedes and revokes any determination or decision relating to allowances stated in Part 2 of this determination for officers mentioned on this Determination.

Signed this 17th day of December 2024

Saby Natonga
Chairman

Rosemary Leona
Member

Nigel T. Malosu
Member

