



Legislative Assembly of Alberta

News release

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Changes to MLA remuneration effective April 1

Edmonton... Following from an October 5, 1998 decision of the Special Select Committee on Members' Services, components of MLA remuneration are adjusted annually on April 1. The adjustment is based on the percentage increase or decrease for the previous calendar year as reported by Statistics Canada in the Average Weekly Earnings for Alberta.

This year's change in remuneration was calculated based on a reported 4.53 per cent increase in the Average Weekly Earnings. On April 1, 2007, the adjustment was 4.92 per cent.

Beginning April 1, Alberta MLAs will receive \$78,138 compared to \$74,754 last year. The attached fact sheet provides a summary of MLA remuneration and committee allowances. The attached tables summarize compensation adjustments from 1989 to the present, as well as a comparison of levels in Canadian jurisdictions.

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SEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ATTACHED

FACT SHEET

MLA REMUNERATION - EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2008

In accordance with a decision of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on October 5, 1998, components of Member remuneration are to be adjusted on April 1 of each year by the same percentage increase or decrease as in the Average Weekly Earnings for Alberta as reported by Statistics Canada survey of employment payroll and hours for the immediately preceding calendar year.

The table below summarizes the resulting adjustments effective April 1, 2008 based on the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings*. The 4.53 per cent change has been calculated by comparing the average of earnings for January to December, 2006 to the average of earnings for January to December, 2007. (The remuneration figures have been rounded for pay administration purposes.)

MLA Indemnity and Allowance

Indemnities and Allowances	Annual Remuneration
MLA Indemnity	\$52,092.00
MLA Tax Free Allowance	\$26,046.00
(total)	\$78,138.00

Additional Indemnity, Office Other Than MLA

Indemnities and Allowances	Annual Remuneration
Premier	\$81,312.00
Speaker	\$63,912.00
Minister with portfolio	\$63,912.00
Minister without portfolio	\$28,392.00
Leader of the Official Opposition	\$63,912.00
Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees	\$31,968.00
Deputy Chair of Committees	\$15,984.00
Leader of a recognized opposition party	\$28,392.00

Special Members' allowances

Indemnities and Allowances	Annual Remuneration
Official Opposition House Leader	\$13,596.00
Third Party House Leader	\$10,872.00
Chief Government Whip	\$10,872.00
Assistant Government Whip	\$8,136.00
Chief Opposition Whip	\$8,136.00
Assistant Opposition Whip	\$6,792.00
Third Party Whip	\$6,792.00

Committee Allowances

(Committees of the Assembly)

Category A Committees:

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services

Select Special Committees established by motion of the Assembly

Category B Committees:

Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Indemnities and Allowances	Remuneration
Committee Members' Allowance (Category A and B)	
Up to four hours long	\$135.90
Four to eight hours	\$224.20
Longer than eight hours	\$353.00
Committee Chair's Allowance	
Committee A (per month)	\$475.40
Committee B (per meeting, in addition to committee members' allowance noted above)	\$47.70
Up to four hours long	\$88.50
Four to eight hours	\$142.70
Longer than eight hours	

* average weekly earnings (SEPH), unadjusted for seasonal variation, by type of employee for selected industries classified using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), monthly (Dollars) (281-0026)

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TABLE

COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS – MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Year	MLA Indemnity	MLA Expense	Allowance Total
1989 (APRIL)	\$38,335.00	\$19,167.50	\$57,502.50
1991 (OCT)	\$38,335.00	\$19,167.50	\$57,502.50
1993 (MAR)	\$38,335.00	\$19,167.50	\$57,502.50
1994 (JAN) (-5%)	\$36,420.00	\$18,210.00	\$54,630.00
1998 (OCT) (+5%)	\$38,335.00	\$19,167.50	\$57,502.50
1999 (APRIL) (+2.44%)	\$39,276.00	\$19,638.00	\$58,914.00
2000 (APRIL) (+1.13%)	\$39,720.00	\$19,860.00	\$59,580.00
2001 (APRIL) (+3.34%)	\$41,052.00	\$20,526.00	\$61,578.00
2002 (APRIL) (+2.81%)	\$42,204.00	\$21,102.00	\$63,306.00
2003 (APRIL) (+2.25%)	\$43,152.00	\$21,576.00	\$64,728.00
2004 (APRIL) (+1.36%)	\$43,740.00	\$21,870.00	\$65,610.00
2005 (APRIL) (+3.17%)	\$45,132.00	\$22,566.00	\$67,698.00
2006 (APRIL) (+5.23%)	\$47,496.00	\$23,748.00	\$71,244.00
2007 (APRIL) (+4.92%)	\$49,836.00	\$24,918.00	\$74,754.00
2008 (APRIL) (+4.53%)	\$52,092.00	\$26,046.00	\$78,138.00

Member Indemnity And Expense Allowance Comparisons (updated April 1, 2008)

JURISDICTION	Indemnity	Tax Free Expense Allowance	Total	Effective Date
House of Commons	\$155,400.00		\$155,400.00	1 April 2008
Senate	\$125,800.00		\$125,800.00	1 April 2007
Ontario	\$113,100.00		\$113,100.00	1 April 2007
British Columbia	\$99,764.00		\$99,764.00	1 April 2008
NWT	\$92,147.00	\$6,640.00(1)	\$98,787.00(1)	1 april 2008
(1) Within Commuting distance (2) Beyond Commuting Distance	--	\$13,280.00(2)	\$105,427.00(2)	
Quebec	\$82,073.00	\$14,467.00	\$96,540.00	1 April 2007
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$92,580.00		\$92,580.00	1 July 2007
Saskatchewan	\$84,409.00		\$84,409.00	1 April 2008
Nova Scotia	\$84,177.85		\$84,177.85	1 Jan. 2008
Manitoba	\$83,722.00		\$83,722.00	1 April 2008
Yukon	\$66,365.00	\$12,763.00	\$79,128.00	1 April 2008
Alberta	\$52,092.00	\$26,046.00	\$78,138.00	1 April 2008
New Brunswick	\$46,934.00	\$23,467.00	\$70,401.00	1 Jan. 2008
Nunavut	\$67,543.00	\$1,000.00	\$68,543.00	1 April 2007
Prince Edward Island	\$63,750.00		\$63,750.00	1 April 2008

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