

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE OFFICIAL SALARIES (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2026

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Official Salaries Act [CAP 168] (“the Act”).

The Act serves as the legislative framework governing the remuneration of high-ranking public officials, cabinet officers, constitutional office holders and other office holders.

The Act provides a clear framework of allocation of allowances, salaries and benefits to office holders under the Act.

The Prime Minister with the approval of the Council of Ministers, can add to, vary or replace allowance, salaries and benefits under the Schedule.

There is no provision in the Act to remove any allowances, salaries or benefits under the Schedule.

This amendment will empower the Prime Minister, with the prior approval of the Council of Ministers to remove any allowances, salaries or benefits as specified under the Schedule.

Prime Minister



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An Act to amend the Official Salaries Act [CAP 168].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Official Salaries Act [CAP 168] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF OFFICIAL SALARIES ACT [CAP 168]

1 Section 3

Repeal the section, substitute

“3. Amendment of Schedule

The Prime Minister may, by Order, with the prior approval of the Council of Ministers:

- (a) add to, vary or replace the Schedule; or
- (b) remove any of the various allowances, salaries or benefits specified in the Schedule.”