

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE PARLIAMENT (MEMBERS' EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES) (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2020

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Parliament (Members' Expenses and Allowances) Act [CAP 109].

Article 28(1) of the Constitution provides that the life of Parliament continues 4 years from the date of its election. Therefore, the amendment provides for a Member of Parliament to be paid in arrears his or her responsibility allowances from the polling day in which he or she is elected in the relevant election.

Prime Minister



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An Act to amend the Parliament (Members' Expenses and Allowances) Act [CAP 109].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Parliament (Members' Expenses and Allowances) Act [CAP 109] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

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

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF PARLIAMENT (MEMBERS' EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES) ACT [CAP 109]

1 After Section 3

Insert

“3A Responsibility allowance

- (1) A Member of Parliament is entitled to be paid in arrears his or her responsibility allowances from the date on which he or she is elected.
- (2) To avoid doubt, the date on which the Member of Parliament is elected is the polling day for the relevant election. ”