

SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR LEGISLATORS IN CANADA

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Parliamentarians are members of a unique profession and their remuneration reflects this uniqueness. In this article the author outlines the main indemnities, allowances and other benefits available in various Canadian jurisdictions.

The basic and most readily identifiable payment made to Canadian parliamentarians is the "sessional (or annual) indemnity" sometimes referred to as a "sessional (or annual) allowance". The words "indemnity" or "allowance" are used instead of the word "salary". The distinction seems to rest on the assumption that members are basically ordinary citizens who have their own occupations, who give of their time to serve the interest of their communities and that their service is worth more than what they receive in their capacity as members. The term salary is generally reserved for those full-time occupants of government and parliamentary office. The distinction harkens back to the 19th century concept of a member as an amateur and part-time legislator, as well as the expectation that he would be a responsible member of the propertied classes. These assumptions no longer hold, especially in the federal Parliament and the larger provinces where being a legislator is a full-time vocation with a remuneration to match.

As shown in Table I the indemnity payments range from a high of \$43,800 for Senators and members of the House of Commons to \$12,800 for Prince Edward Island legislators. Of course, this kind of straight comparison is inadequate because it does not consider the impact of other allowances and services. Furthermore the legislative role in some jurisdictions is more demanding of a member's time and financial resources than it is in others.

The other widely known payment to Canadian legislators is the tax-free expense allowance. It is expected to cover those expenses that arise in relation to a

member's performance of his duties; hence their tax-free status. These payments are known by various names: entertainment allowance, travel allowance, constituency allowance.

The federal government, Newfoundland and Saskatchewan offer an allowance which varies according to categories established for their constituencies. Special consideration is given to members who represent districts which are particularly large and/or isolated and who can thereby be expected to entail additional transportation and communication costs. These "expense" allowances vary from a high of \$18,100 to \$19,500 for Canadian MPs to \$6,300 for P.E.I. legislators. Members of the Northwest Territories Council do not receive an expense allowance. Again, these figures are deceptive as there are a great many additional subsidies which vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

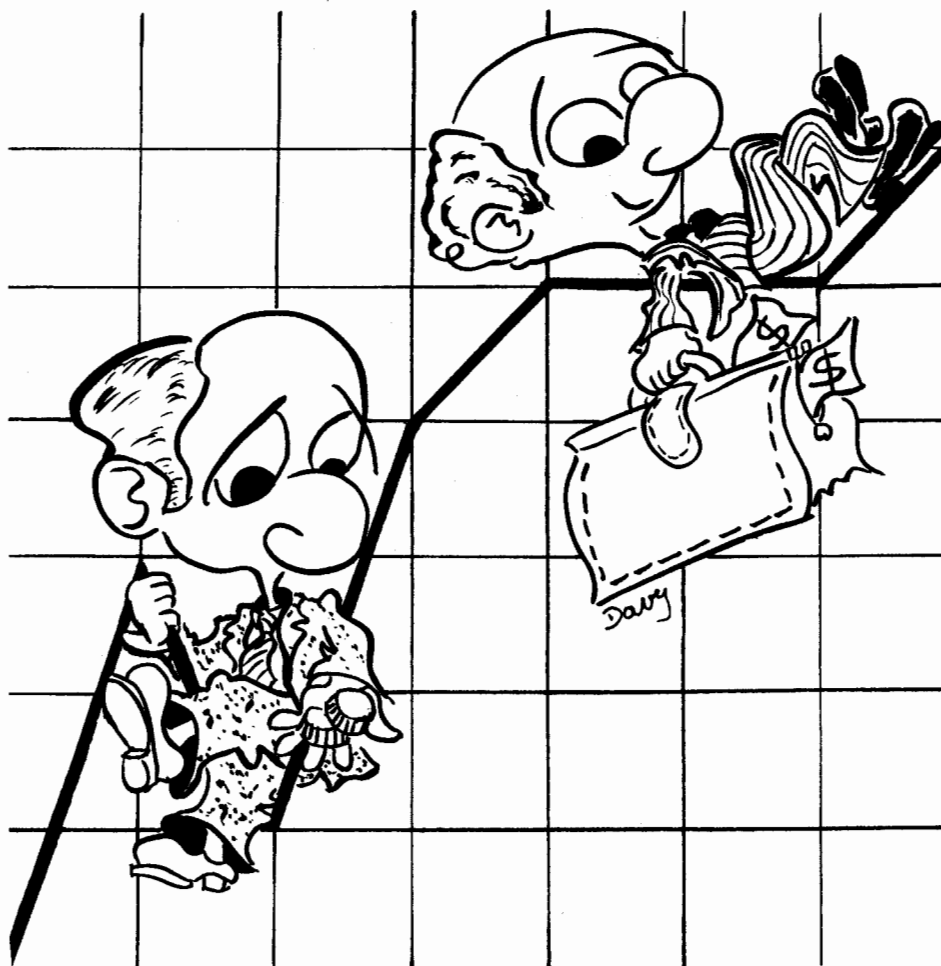
Table II lists, in a concise and abbreviated way, most of these additional perks. Ministers of the Crown in most jurisdictions and sometimes other officials such as the Speaker, leaders of opposition parties, among others, receive increased payments under many of the allowances listed for the ordinary member. Additional benefits such as access to government limousines and aircraft have not been discussed here.

Table III outlines the main support services designed to assist the legislator in carrying out his duties. Most individual Canadian legislators have some office space in or near the legislature and have access to, at the very least, a secretarial pool.

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Federal, Ontario and Quebec parliamentarians have their own secretary; indeed federal Members often employ up to four staff personnel in their Ottawa offices. Now all but New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon provide at least some financial assistance to help the Member run a constituency office. Quebec is certainly the most generous in this regard, making some provision for the possibility of two offices in its largest constituencies.

secretarial pools but the basic research funds are additionally provided. This is also the situation in Saskatchewan, and in this regard, it is the most generous of the small provinces. Ontario, Quebec and the federal Parliament provide relatively major research facilities for the parties, utilizing both the offices of the opposition leaders and special research funds. Ontario also supplies monies to the caucuses. Non-partisan research services are provided to members through the Library of Parlia-



Additional funds and services for the parliamentary parties are handled in a number of ways. Most jurisdictions now make at least a modest provision for research assistance to the parties represented in their legislatures. In Alberta and to a lesser extent in New Brunswick such help is channelled through the offices of the leaders of the opposition parties. In Nova Scotia funds for research and secretarial assistance pass through the caucus offices of the parties. British Columbia and Manitoba also use the legislature caucus offices for

ment's Research Branch in Ottawa and similar services provided through the legislative libraries in Ontario and Quebec; Alberta legislators will soon be provided with such a service. Research funds and services have continued to expand for federal parliamentarians as well as for legislators in the large provinces and now, more than ever, these services are being entrenched in the smaller provinces and the Territories as Members in all jurisdictions struggle with the "information explosion" with which they are all faced.

TABLE I
Principal Payments and Allowances for Canadian Legislators (July 1981)

	House of Commons	Senate	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.
Indemnity	\$43,800	\$43,800	\$22,050	\$24,221	\$17,966(e)	\$21,980
Expense Allowance	14,700(a)	7,200	6,485	12,110	8,983	8,792
Sessional Allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Most recent increase	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981
Indexed annually	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed
Prime Minister	50,000	—	41,265(c)	32,295	26,600	32,970
Leader of Opposition	33,600	16,600	33,600	21,914	20,600	21,980
Minister	33,600	—	33,600	27,681	20,600	21,980
Minister Without Portfolio	33,600	—	—	24,221	15,600	16,485
Parliamentary Secretary	7,500	—	—	—	2,500	—
Speaker	33,600	21,300	20,580	21,914	6,000(f)	16,485
Deputy Speaker	17,700	—	7,665	9,804	3,500(f)	8,242
Deputy Chairman of Committee (Whole)	7,500	—	5,040	—	2,500	—
Asst. Deputy Chairman of Committee (Whole)	7,500	—	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Select Committee	—	—	—	1,000(d)	—	—
Chairman of Standing Committee	—	—	—	1,000(d)	—	—
Leader — Recognized Political Party	20,200	—	—	9,804	—	—
House Leader — Official Opposition	16,600	—	—	—	2,500	—
House Leader — Recognized Party	7,300	—	—	—	—	—
Chief Government Whip	9,300	5,400	—	—	2,500	1,500
Chief Opposition Whip	9,300	3,600	—	—	2,500	1,500
Chief Whip — Recognized Party	5,400	—	—	—	—	—
Deputy Government Whip	5,400	—	—	—	—	—
Deputy Opposition Whip	5,400	—	—	—	—	—
Leader of the Government	—	24,000(b)	—	—	—	—
Deputy Government Leader	—	10,400	—	—	—	—
Deputy Opposition Leader	—	6,800	—	—	—	—

a This expense allowance is \$19,500 for members from the N.W.T. and \$18,100 for members representing electoral districts in Schedule III of the *Canada Elections Act*.

b The salary of the Leader of the Government is \$24,000, however, as a Minister of the Crown his actual salary is \$33,600.

c The Premier receives an additional \$5,000 representation allowance.

d The Lieutenant Governor-in-Council may determine whether and how much to pay Committee Chairmen — usually not more than \$1,000 per annum.

e This was called a sessional allowance and was to cover a legislator's expenses for one session, however, this provision was repealed at the end of the 31st Legislature.

f In addition the Speaker receives a special allowance of \$3,000 and the Deputy Speaker \$500.

g This Travel Allowance is divided into six categories, from \$10,260 to \$15,660. Categories are based on the relative distance of the constituency from the provincial capital.

h The Ministers assigned the tasks of House Leader and Deputy House Leader receive an additional allowance of \$4,500 and \$2,000 respectively.

i The salary for a Minister without Portfolio can range between \$7,000 and \$25,000 as determined by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.

TABLE I (cont)

Nfld.	N.S.	Ontario	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Yukon
\$20,520	\$15,600	\$30,000	\$12,800	\$33,110	\$10,908(o)	\$14,512	\$18,750(q)
10,260(g)	7,800	10,000	6,300	7,500	9,729(o)	—	9,250
—	—	—	—	—	5,896(p)	—	—
1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981
Indexed	No	No	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed	Indexed
40,000	32,000	32,000 (l)	32,000	43,043	32,136	—	25,000
29,000	25,000	23,300 (l)	17,100	30,580	24,175	—	2,500
29,000	25,000(h)	23,300	22,000	30,580	24,175	39,445	20,000
14,500	25,000 (i)	11,790	22,000	—	—	—	—
—	—	7,200	—	8,340	5,896	—	—
29,000	15,000	17,200	5,400	30,580	9,434	20,512	6,000
10,000	7,500	7,200	2,700	13,900	5,601	18,512	3,000
5,000	—	5,000	—	—	1,500	17,512	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	1,000 (j)	—	—	4,170	—	—	2,000
—	1,000 (j)	3,900	—	—	1,500	—	—
—	10,000	11,700 (l)	—	12,510	12,087	—	1,000
10,000	1,500	8,900	—	12,510	1,500	—	—
—	—	6,700	—	11,120	—	—	—
3,090	75 × (k)	8,900	—	12,510	2,500	—	—
3,090	75 × (k)	6,100	—	8,340	2,500	—	—
—	75 × (k)	5,000	—	6,950	1,600	—	—
—	—	6,100(m)	—	6,950	1,500	—	—
—	—	4,400 (n)	—	—	1,500	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

j Payments to Committee Chairmen and members of committees are as follows: Chairmen of Legislative Internal Economy Board — \$5,500; Chairman of Law Amendments Committee — \$3,000; Chairmen of Select Committee on EMO and Select Committee on Electoral Matters — \$2,000; Chairmen of the Private and Local Bills Committee, Industry Committee, Public Accounts Committee and Internal Affairs Committee — \$1,500. Chairmen of other Standing Committees — \$1,200. Members of the Law Amendments Committee receive \$2,500; of the Internal Economy Board, EMO, Electoral Matters — \$1,500; Private and Local Bills, Industry, Public Accounts, Internal Affairs — \$1,200 and members of other Standing Committees — \$1,000.

k Each Whip and the Caucus Chairmen of each party receives a payment of \$75 multiplied by the number of members in each party's caucus.

l The following receive an additional representation allowance: Premier — \$6,000, Leader of the Opposition — \$4,000, Leader of a Recognized Party — \$2,000.

m To each of not more than three other Government Whips, the rate of \$4,400.

n This rate is for the two Official Opposition Whips; the one Whip for the third Party receives \$4,000.

o The members representing the constituencies of Athabasca and Cumberland receive annual indemnities of \$12,669 and expense allowances of \$9,516.

p As well as this allowance the following duties listed below are paid per session: Chairman of Standing Committees, Opposition House Leader, Government Whip, Opposition Whip, Whip — Recognized Party, Government Deputy Whip, Opposition Deputy Whip.

q MLAs from Whitehorse receive an expense allowance of \$7,250.

TABLE II

Other Allowances and Considerations for Canadian Legislators (July 1981)

	House of Commons	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.
Deduction for non-attendance without cause:					
beyond _____ days	21	5	10	No	5
at _____/day from indemnity	—	\$75	\$250	—	Prorated(e)
at _____/day from expense allowance	\$60	\$25	—	—	—
Travel Costs (Constituency-capital):					
— economy air trips (year)	52(a)	(c)	36	No	No
— auto mileage in session	(b)	(c)	No	26 trips	1 trip/wk
— auto mileage in recess	(b)	(c)	No	per year	25 trips
Other Travel Expenses:					
— Rail Pass	Canada	No	Province	Province	No
— Bus Pass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Province
— auto mileage in constituency	Yes	Yes(c)	Yes(d)	No	No
Rent Subsidy/Living Allowance (members from outside capital region):	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
— per diem	—	\$50	—	\$40	\$70(f)
— vouchered costs/day	—	—	—	—	—
— vouchered costs/year	—	—	—	—	—
— other members/day	—	No	—	No	\$18(f)
“Committee” Allowance in recess:					
— meals	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
— accommodation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
— travel	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
— daily allowance	No	\$75	No	\$50	\$200
Pension Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Long Distance Telephone (business-related):					
— yearly basis	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Province	Province
— during session	—	—	—	Unlimited	—
Free Mail Service (Canada)					
— from legislature	Unlimited	\$40¢/household	Unlimited	Unlimited	No
— no. of bulk mailings to constituents (year)	4	0	1	1	0

- a Members are now permitted first class air travel. Some of the 52 trips may be converted into: (i) 10 special trips across Canada; (ii) 9 trips between the constituency and Ottawa for the Member's spouse and/or designated alternate and/or Member's staff; and (iii) 3 trips across Canada for the spouse and/or designated alternate.
- b A member may take auto mileage instead of air transport for the same number of trips with the same exceptions for spouse and/or designate alternate, but the mileage is not to exceed the cost of first class air fare.
- c Members are provided with a credit card for gas and oil and for air travel.
- d Members may be granted up to a maximum of \$1,650 a year to defray costs of travel within their constituency.
- e The deduction for non-attendance is prorated in relation to the number of sitting days in a session.
- f Members from outside the capital region receive \$40.00 for accommodation plus a subsistence allowance of \$30.00. Members from within the capital region receive \$18.00 plus travel expenses.
- g Members may receive an auto mileage in lieu of the economy air fare.
- h This per diem is for members outside the capital region. In addition chairmen and members of select committees will receive \$75 and \$50 per diem respectively, up to an annual total of \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively, for meetings while the House is adjourned.
- i A member is entitled to either auto mileage for one return trip or economy air fare.
- j The living allowance is either a straight \$50.00 per day or vouchered costs up to \$85.00 a day.
- k Up to 6 of these trips may be used by the member's spouse. Members representing some northern Ontario ridings are granted vouchered costs of air travel up to \$2,730 per annum.
- l Members are reimbursed for the actual cost of bus or first class train transportation plus berth, meals and gratuities.

TABLE II (cont)

Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Yukon
No	No	No	No	10	5	5	10
—	—	—	—	\$100	—	\$100	\$100
—	—	—	—	—	\$58(o)	—	—
12 trips (g)	Yes(i) 1 trip/wk 26 trips	52(k) Unlimited Unlimited	No 1 trip/day No	No 52 trips per year	No 35 trips per year	5 trips expenses Yes(q)	12 trips Yes(t) Yes(t)
No	Yes	(l)	No	Province	Yes	No	No
No	No	(l)	No	No	Yes	No	No
No	\$65/month	Yes(m)	No	Yes(n)	Yes(p)	Yes(q)	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
\$59.20	\$50(j) or \$85(j)	—	—	—	\$64	\$104(r)	\$27.65(u)
—	—	\$7,500	—	\$4,600	—	—	Yes
No	\$20	No	—	No	\$41	\$29(r)	—
No	Yes	\$27	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$27.65(u)
No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
\$59.20(h)	\$75	\$60	No	\$50	\$76	\$128(r)	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Unlimited	\$1,200	Unlimited	No	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$1,500	\$400(u)
—	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	—
Unlimited	\$1,200	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$51e/constituent	Unlimited	Unlimited
4	0	2	0	2	0	(s)	2

m In addition a member is reimbursed the lesser amount of 6 round trips from his constituency or \$800.00 for travel in Ontario.

n There is a travel allowance for mileage and other vouchered expenses which may be incurred travelling within the constituency. The maximum amount which can be claimed varies according to the constituency represented, as organized in the following groups: Group I Nil, Group II \$1,000, Group III \$2,000, Group IV \$3,000, Group V \$5,000.

o The deduction for non-attendance is subtracted from the Member's sessional allowance.

p Northern members (Athabasca and Cumberland) are provided with 2 trips per year to each community within their constituency.

q A member's allowance is sufficient to reimburse members for travelling expenses incurred in making 2 visits per year to each settlement in the electoral district. A member is also reimbursed for up to 5 round trips per year from his constituency to the capital.

r Members attending a session or attending to legislative business outside of their constituency receive \$104.75 a day, when the business is within commuting distance they may claim \$29 a day for entertainment expenses. They may claim up to 90 days for constituency work; they are compensated for the first 30 days automatically with the amount paid in 12 equal monthly installments. Members attending committee meetings, or special legislative assignments or travelling on constituency business between sessions may claim in addition to the \$104.75 a daily indemnity of \$128.50.

s There is no special provision for bulk mailing but there is no restriction; the Members may use the service as extensively as they wish.

t Members are reimbursed for travel expenses during the legislative sessions and for committee meetings plus 12 round trips to the capital on constituency business. Any of these trips may be converted into auto mileage.

u Members are reimbursed for hotel and transportation expenses plus \$27.65 a day for meals and incidentals.

v Members outside the capital are granted \$400 for telephone expenses; Members from the capital region are granted \$200.

TABLE III
Support Facilities for Canadian Legislators (July 1981)

	House of Commons	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.
Member's Office: Constituency					
— funds for office	\$ 8,360	\$10,000	\$19,800	\$1,500	No
— funds for staff	\$15,696(a)	—	—	—	—
—Member's Office: Legislature					
— individual space	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	No
— shared space	—	—	—	Yes	Yes
— office supplies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secretarial/ Research Assistance					
— individual staff					
full-time	4(a)	No	No	No	No
sessional only	—	No	No	No	No
— shared secretarial pool					
sessional	—	Yes	Yes(e)	Yes	Yes
in recess	—	Yes	Yes(e)	Yes	Yes
Offices:					
— Leader of Opposition					
no. of staff	—	—	5	2	6
special funds	\$981,000	\$393,952	No	No	\$35,000
— Recognized Party-1					
no. of staff	—	—	—	—	—
special funds	\$512,300	\$ 92,190	—	—	—
— Recognized Party-2					
no. of staff	—	—	—	—	—
special funds	—	\$ 42,365	—	—	—
Services for caucus					
— permanent room	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
— secretaries	No	No	Yes(e)	Yes(f)	No
— special funds	No	No	Yes(e)	No	No
Research funds:					
— Government Party	\$541,730	\$196,751	No	\$33,000(f)	\$20,000(g)
— Opposition Parties	\$746,650(b)	Yes(c)	No	\$24,000(f)	\$20,000(g)
Legislative Library	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Library Research Branch					
— no. of professional staff	51	No(d)	No	No	No
Legislative Intern Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

- a Members are granted a global amount of \$78,000 for salaries and related services such as the rental of office equipment; they must commit a minimum of \$15,696 for the salary of a constituency office employee. This would leave a maximum of \$62,304 for the expenses of their Ottawa office.
- b Party research funds are calculated on a formula which grants to any recognized party with a membership between 12 and 30, \$200,000. This sum is increased by \$8,000 for every Member between 30 and 50 and by \$1,000 for each additional Member over 50. These funds are for salaries and related items such as research contracts. Stationery and equipment supplies are provided by the House. The funds available to the Offices of the Leaders of the Opposition parties are precisely double their research grants.
- c Funds for Opposition research can be taken from the funds granted to the Leaders of the Opposition parties as seen above.
- d A Legislative Research Service is in the process of being organized.
- e Support services for MLAs are provided in program budgets assigned to each caucus. The funds are set by negotiation and are administered by the caucus chairpersons. These funds provide for stenographic, office management, and research services. The program budgets for fiscal 1981/82 are as follows: Government \$330,160, Opposition \$620,810.
- f Each caucus is provided with a caucus room with full-time secretarial help on a year-round basis. Research funds are provided on the basis of \$1,000 per Member and are distributed to the Opposition as follows: New Democratic Party \$18,000, Liberal \$1,000, Independent \$1,000, Progressives \$3,000.
- g This represents the salary of one researcher who is assisted by two secretaries paid at government rates.
- h In addition to secretarial services each caucus is provided with a grant to cover their equipment and supply costs: \$13,000 per annum for the Opposition; \$9,000 per annum for the Government. From their research funds the Government caucus has hired an Office Manager-Research Assistant and the Opposition has a Research Assistant.
- i This consists of up to \$200 per month for general constituency expenses plus \$60 per month for office space in his residence and a publication allowance of \$50 per month.
- j Services for Members are organized through the caucus office for each party. It is funded on the basis of \$150 per month per Member. Secretarial service is provided through this office at the rate of \$4,500 per private Member per year, with no caucus to receive less than \$15,000 per year. This makes a total contribution of \$5,880 per Member per annum for research and secretarial assistance.
- k The Leader of the Opposition is granted travelling expenses for 52 round-trips per year from constituency to capital, other reasonable expenses in the capital during the legislative session and other incidental expenses in the discharge of his official duties. The Leader of a Recognized Party is granted the same services to a maximum of \$200 per month.

TABLE III (cont.)

Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Yukon
No	\$3,540(i)	\$ 9,000	No(p)	\$ 6,800(s)	\$ 7,068	Yes(v)	No
No	—	\$21,131	No	\$23,600(t)	\$ 8,226	Yes(v)	No
No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
Yes	No	—	Yes(q)	—	—	Yes	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	1	No	1	No	No	No
No	No	—	No	—	No	No	No
Yes	Yes(j)	—	Yes	—	Yes	Yes(w)	Yes
Yes	Yes(j)	—	Yes	—	Yes	Yes(w)	Yes
1	7	—	No	5	—	No	No
No	Yes(k)	\$265,000(l)	No	No	\$ 58,965	No	No
—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Yes(k)	\$208,600(m)	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes(x)	Yes
Yes	Yes(j)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Yes(h)	\$5,880/Mem.(j)	\$9,143/Men.(n)	Yes(r)	No	\$2,948/Mem. + \$17,689	No	No
\$20,000(h)	No	\$421,200(o)	No	\$201,001	\$132,708	No	\$15,000
\$17,000(h)	No	\$626,900(o)	1 researcher	\$174,200(u)	\$140,856	No	\$30,000(y)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
No	No	7	No	5	No	No	No
No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No

- l The Liberal Leader's Office is funded as follows: 34 MLAs × \$3,420 = \$116,000 plus a base allowance of \$114,000 = \$230,300. In addition the Liberal House Leader's Assistant receives \$27,900 + a travel allowance of \$6,800 = \$34,700. Grand total = \$265,000.
- m The NDP Leader's Office is funded as follows: 21 MLAs × \$2,850 = \$59,850 plus a base allowance of \$114,000 = \$173,900. In addition the NDP House Leader's Assistant receives \$27,900 + a travel allowance of \$6,800 = \$34,700. Grand total = \$208,600.
- n The funds are distributed as follows: Government (70) \$640,000, Liberal (34) \$310,900, NDP (21) \$192,000.
- o Research funds are provided on the basis of \$9,795 per Member (the Cabinet is not counted in the Government's calculation and the NDP is given credit for the equivalent of 30 Members), and distributed as follows: Government (43) \$421,200, Liberal (34) \$333,000, NDP (30) \$293,900.
- p Members have access to space in one of the 6 Government regional service centres throughout the province.
- q. As the Legislative building is only open during session, office space is provided nearby.
- r. The Opposition receives an annual grant of \$33,000 to support its caucus office, plus a secretary and a researcher. The Government caucus receives a grant of \$6,600 plus a secretary.
- s This allowance can be increased to \$7,900 for members representing constituencies in Groups IV and V who must lease premises in more than one place.
- t This sum may be increased to \$26,100 for districts in Group IV or \$28,300 for districts in Group V.
- u In 1980-81 research funds for Opposition parties were divided as follows: Liberals \$168,380, Union Nationale \$5,720.
- v A member receives a variety of allotments to assist his service to his constituency. Office space may be provided in a government building. There are modest allotments for office supplies and postage plus \$50 a month for the services of a stenographer and \$75 a month for an interpreter.
- w Secretarial service is provided as required through the Clerk's office.
- x One researcher is available through the Clerk's office.
- y Each MLA receives \$6,000 for research funds per year. Four of the five Opposition members pool their funds. The total Opposition research disbursement is \$30,000. The Government caucus receives one-half of this total or \$15,000.