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Survey: Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances

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Background

The IPU is currently updating its data on parliamentary salaries and allowances. Parliamentary salaries and allowances vary greatly among parliaments. These variations were analysed in detail in *The Parliamentary Mandate*, published by the IPU in 2000.

The new data will be included in the PARLINE database (www.ipu.org/parline) and an analysis will be published in the second half of 2013.

Inevitably, the questions in this survey will not capture much information that is specific to each parliament. Respondents can provide additional information in the "comments" boxes. All parliaments are encouraged to publish detailed information on salaries and allowances on their website.

Guidelines for completing the survey

- The survey is expected to take no more than one hour to complete.
- Responses can be provided in English, French or Spanish.
- Please use an "X" to indicate your answer. Example: Yes No
- Some questions are disaggregated by chamber (lower and upper chambers in bicameral parliaments, or unicameral parliament). Please provide information as appropriate.
- To facilitate data compilation, please complete the survey electronically where possible and return the Word document by e-mail.

The deadline for returning the survey is **28 February 2013**.

Please return the survey by e-mail to: postbox@ipu.org with copy to m.tromme@priad.org or by fax to +41 22 919 41 60.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide contact details for the person completing the survey, which the IPU may use to clarify responses and update the database in the future.

Country	
Chamber(s)	
Name of the person completing the survey	
Job title	
e-mail address	
Telephone number	

PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

1. Currency	
Please specify the national currency used in responding to the survey questions.	

2. What was the total of basic annual salary and allowances received in 2012?		
<p>Please provide the amounts received by parliamentarians for their basic annual salary, basic allowances and attendance allowances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the "Basic annual salary", please indicate the gross amount before tax. For the "Basic allowances", please provide a single total amount. "Basic allowances" are allowances that are automatically paid to all parliamentarians. They are received in advance as a lump sum at a flat rate. They are not intended to be reimbursement for any expenses. Basic allowances are sometimes called "representation allowance", "supplemental allowance", "end-of-year allowance", etc. If one or more of the categories in the list below does not apply to your parliament, please enter "not applicable". 		
	Unicameral Parliament or Lower House in Bicameral Parliament	Upper House in Bicameral Parliament
<i>Basic annual salary</i>		
<i>Basic allowances</i>		
<i>Please provide the names of these basic allowances</i>		
<i>Attendance allowance</i>		

<i>Attendance allowance paid per:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/> Session <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/> Session <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
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3. Are salaries and allowances subject to income tax (or equivalent)?		
<i>Salaries</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Allowances</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Can MPs have other remunerated employment outside parliament?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4.1 If yes, are MPs required to declare income from other employment to parliament?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Does parliament provide the following to parliamentarians?		
	Unicameral Parliament or Lower House in Bicameral Parliament	Upper House in Bicameral Parliament
<i>Personal staff to work directly for the parliamentarian</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Office at parliament</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Constituency office</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Housing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Other cash or in-kind allowances for constituency work (e.g. travel, overnight stay, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please provide a list of the other allowances provided for constituency work</i>		

6. Are additional salaries and allowances provided for leadership positions?		
	Salary	Allowances
Speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, what is the amount of the Speaker's annual salary?</i>		
Committee Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Please specify which, if any other leadership positions, receive additional salaries or allowances.</i>		

7. Does parliament determine the amount of salaries and allowances?		
Salary	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7.1 If yes, which body (or bodies) in parliament determines the amount?		
7.2 If no, which institution determines the amount?		
Allowances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7.3 If yes, which body (or bodies) in parliament determines the amount?		
7.4 If no, which institution determines the amount?		

8. Is the parliamentary salary determined in reference to another salary scale?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
8.1 If yes, which one(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil service salary scale <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial salary <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum wage <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
<i>Please elaborate.</i>	

9. What percentage of parliament's total budget did parliamentary salaries and allowances represent in 2012?

If data is not yet available for 2012, please provide data for 2011, clearly indicating the year.

	Unicameral Parliament or Lower House in Bicameral Parliament	Upper House in Bicameral Parliament
<i>Parliamentary salaries</i>	_ %	_ %
<i>Allowances</i>	_ %	_ %

10. Does the parliamentary website contain details of the following?

<i>Salary</i>	_ Yes	_ No
<i>Allowances available to members</i>	_ Yes	_ No
<i>Amount of allowances received by each member</i>	_ Yes	_ No

If yes, please provide the links to the relevant web pages.

11. Have parliamentary salaries or allowances been reduced since 2008 as a consequence of the global economic crisis?

_ Yes

_ No

If yes, please elaborate.

12. Please provide any additional information and comments

Thank you for completing the survey!