



[BY EMAIL]

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Mr Simon Thomas  
Chair  
Finance Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear Mr Thomas

### **National Assembly for Wales's Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend**

The Remuneration Authority (the Authority) has asked me to reply to your letter of 8 December 2017 regarding the Finance Committee of the National Assembly of Wales inquiry to establish how other parliaments' budget for expenditure related to members' pay and allowances.

New Zealand members of Parliament salaries, superannuation, allowances, and accommodation services are determined by the Authority, which is an independent statutory board established under the Remuneration Act 1977.

The Authority is also responsible for determining the remuneration (sometimes including fees, allowances, superannuation and annuities) for a wide range of senior public office holders within New Zealand including the Governor-General, judicial officers, elected members of local authorities and a variety of statutory officers. Please see our website for further information on our work: <http://remauthority.govt.nz/>.

Two government departments are responsible for the administration of the Authority determinations which cover members of Parliament, Ministers and other members of the Executive. These departments are responsible for the appropriations, budgets and expenditure related to members' pay and allowance, as follows:

- **Department of Internal Affairs** is responsible for the payment of salaries and allowances covering the Executive Council and members of the Executive (all Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Under-Secretaries).
- **Parliamentary Service** is responsible for the payment of salaries and allowances for members of Parliament who are neither Ministers nor Parliamentary Under-Secretaries.

Accordingly, the above two departments are best placed to address the issues you have raised in your letter. Here are their contact details:

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Yours sincerely



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