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Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1)

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I, PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following Regulations under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*.

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PETER HOLLINGWORTH

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

NICK MINCHIN

Minister for Finance and Administration

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. /).

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 January 2002.

3 Amendment of Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations

Schedule 1 amends the Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(regulation 3)

[1] Regulation 1

substitute

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations 1997.

Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2001 (No./) 2001,

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[2] Regulation 3

substitute

3 Additional benefits for Members of the House of Representatives — printing

- (1) For subsection 5 (1) of the Act, the following additional benefits for a Member of the House of Representatives are prescribed:
 - (a) personalised letterhead stationery;
 - (b) newsletters for distribution to constituents;
 - (c) other printed materials, as approved by the Minister, for distribution to constituents.
- (2) For the period beginning on 1 January 2002 and ending on 30 June 2002, the additional benefits for a Member of the House of Representatives mentioned in subregulation (1) are limited to a value of \$61 986.
- (3) For a year beginning on or after 1 July 2002, the additional benefits for a Member of the House of Representatives mentioned in subregulation (1) are limited to a value of \$125 000.

[3] After regulation 3

insert

3A Additional benefits for Senators — personalised stationery, printing and photocopying

- (1) For subsection 5 (1) of the Act, the following additional benefits for a Senator are prescribed:
 - (a) personalised stationery;
 - (b) newsletter mastheads.

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- (2) For subsection 5(1) of the Act, the following additional benefits for a Senator are prescribed:
 - (a) printed material (other than personalised stationery and newsletter mastheads), including small calendars;
 - (b) photocopying.
- (3) The additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) for a Senator are limited to 10 reams of paper per month.
- (4) However, the additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) for a Senator are limited to 20 reams of paper per month for each of the following Senators:
 - (a) the President of the Senate;
 - (b) the Deputy President of the Senate;
 - (c) Ministers;
 - (d) Parliamentary Secretaries;
 - (e) the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
 - (f) the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
 - (g) Shadow Ministers;
 - (h) Shadow Parliamentary Secretaries;
 - (j) the leader of a minority party;
 - (k) the deputy leader of a minority party;
 - (1) Party Whips.
- (5) A Senator may give written approval for the transfer to another Senator of part or all of his or her additional benefits under subregulation (2).
- (6) Additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) that are not used in a month may not be carried over to the next month.
- (7) A Senator may claim additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) 1 month in advance.

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[4] Before regulation 4

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3B Additional benefits for members — overseas travel

- (1) This regulation applies to a member who, with the approval of the Prime Minister, is representing a Minister or the Government overseas.
- (2) For subsection 5 (1) of the Act, the cost of travel overseas at the same standard that would apply to a Minister travelling on official business is prescribed as an additional benefit for a member to which this regulation applies.
- (3) For subsection 5(1) of the Act, the following additional benefits are prescribed for a member to which this regulation applies:
 - (a) the cost of travel overseas by the member's spouse when accompanying the member, if the Prime Minister approves;
 - (b) the cost of official hospitality, under the same arrangements that apply to a Minister, if the Special Minister of State approves.

Notes

- 1. These Regulations amend Statutory Rules 1997 No. 318, as amended by 1998 No. 269.
- 2. Notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on

2001.

21 December