



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DIRECTIVE

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Subject: Access to Leader's Travel Allocation	Reference: HOAMC Meetings: May 16 & May 30, 2018
Issued To: All Members of the House of Assembly; Comptroller General; Directors of Government Accounting, Professional Services and Internal Audit, Financial Systems Control, and Corporate Services; Office of the Auditor General; Office Managers of Government Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus, NDP Caucus; Assistant Deputy Clerk, Executive Council; Director of Operations, Office of the Premier.	Contact: Wanda Lee Mercer Chief Financial Officer 729-2923

BACKGROUND

Currently, the Official Opposition and Third Party caucuses are allocated funding for Leader's travel, comparable to the allocation provided to the Premier's Office and Ministers' Offices in government departments. It is subject to the Ministerial Expense Reimbursement Policies (CM 2008-020 refers); and the Leader can delegate travel to other elected MHAs or caucus staff members as directed in CM 2008-025.

The *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* does not provide for "acting" or "designated" capacities, therefore the policies made under that Act must be interpreted in accordance with it. Currently, an MHA who is designated as the leader for parliamentary purposes in the House of Assembly (i.e. in situations when the leader of the party is not an elected Member), cannot access funds allocated to that caucus for Leader's travel.

As a result of a request from the Official Opposition, the Management Commission considered this issue at its May 30, 2018 meeting.

DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to subparagraph 20(6)(b)(ii) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commission issues the following directive:

The Commission approved a policy change to allow the elected Member recognized as the Leader of the caucus for parliamentary purposes in the House of Assembly, to utilize the funding allocated to that Caucus for Leader's travel.



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