



REPORT RESPECTING BENEFITS PAID

TO MINISTERS

UNDER THE

MINISTERIAL BENEFITS POLICIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

31 MARCH 2017

The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, S.Nu. 2002, c.5,

36. (2) Annual report by Premier

The Premier shall, during each fiscal year, cause a report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly

- (a) setting out any policies made under subsection 33.1 (2) in the previous fiscal year; and
- (b) showing the amounts paid pursuant to a policy made under subsection 33.1(2), by way of allowance, expense or benefit during the previous fiscal year to each person who have been a member of the Executive Council during that Fiscal year.

The Ministerial Benefits Policy, Reimbursement For Costs of Temporary Accommodation in Iqaluit (6) provides that Ministers who:

“...continue to maintain a primary residence in a community other than Iqaluit or Apex during the period of their appointment to Cabinet are eligible to claim reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of maintaining a residence in Iqaluit. These include the costs of rent, heat, electricity and utilities for the temporary accommodation that they occupy in Iqaluit, less the rent, if any, received from their primary residence.”

The following benefits were paid under this policy in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2017:

Member	Total Benefits Paid 2016-17	Total Benefits Paid 2015-16
Hon. Peter Taptuna	\$51,366.79	\$55,995.04
Hon. George Kuksuk	\$39,604.81	\$39,680.82
Hon. Joe Savikataaq	\$57,287.89	\$9,749.72
Hon. Johnny Mike	\$61,310.22	\$62,473.82
Hon. Keith Peterson	\$30,435.94	\$30,226.54
Hon. Paul Quassa	\$56,760.11	\$56,507.15
Hon. Tom Sammurtok	N/A	\$36,727.49
Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk	N/A	\$40,782.08
TOTAL	\$296,765.76	\$222,142.66

The Ministerial Benefits Policy, Home Travel (9) provides that Ministers who:

“...represent a non-Iqaluit constituency may claim Home Travel Expenses for themselves, their spouse and children for personal trips between their electoral district and Iqaluit.”

Member	Total Benefits Paid 2016-17	Total Benefits Paid 2015-16
Hon. Peter Taptuna	\$35,654.48	\$43,466.60
Hon. George Kuksuk	\$26,203.80	\$21,875.96
Hon. Joe Savikataaq	\$25,604.11	13,346.03
Hon. Johnny Mike	\$17,501.26	\$8,978.09
Hon. Keith Peterson	\$15,048.10	\$29,018.74
Hon. Paul Quassa	\$19,177.35	\$11,573.25
Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk	N/A	\$34,920.61
TOTAL	\$139,189.20	\$163,179.28

The Ministerial Benefits Policy, Reimbursement for Costs of Establishing, Maintaining and Dissolving Blind Trusts (21) provides that Ministers:

“...may be reimbursed for reasonable fees incurred in establishing, maintaining and dissolving blind trusts determined to be necessary by the Integrity Commissioner.”

No Ministers have entered into a blind trust arrangement in 2016/17 Fiscal Year

Ministerial Benefits for Employer Paid Benefits, provided Ministers with:

- (a) Employer's share of Public Service Health Care Plan, Long-Term Disability and Public Service Management Insurance Plan paid in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2017 totaled:

Member	Total Premiums Paid by the GN 2016-17	Total Premiums Paid by the GN 2015-16
Hon. Peter Taptuna	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. Monica Eil-Kanayuk	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. Joe Savikataaq	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. Johnny Mike	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. George Hicks	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. George Kuksuk	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. Paul Quassa	N/A*	N/A*
Hon. Keith Peterson	N/A*	N/A*
TOTAL	N/A*	N/A*

***Employer paid benefits are now paid within the Legislative Assembly budget**

The Ministerial Benefits Policy, Spousal Travel (10) provides that Ministers:

“...may invite their spouses to travel with them at government expense on scheduled flights provided the purpose of such travel...is required or expected in the usual performance of his/her Executive or portfolio responsibilities” or “protocol suggests that a spouse accompany the Minister.”

Member	Total Benefits Paid 2016-17	Total Benefits Paid 2015-16
Hon. Peter Taptuna	\$10,040.25	\$8,902.49
Hon. Ell-Kanayuk	\$5,462.49	5,284.24
TOTAL	\$15,502.74	\$14,186.73

Ministerial Entertainment Allowance payments were made in the following amounts for the year ending 31 March 2017:

Member	Total Benefits Paid 2016-17	Total Benefits Paid 2015-16
Hon. Peter Taptuna	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. George Hickes	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Johnny Mike	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Joe Savikataaq	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. George Kuksuk	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Paul Quassa	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Keith Peterson	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hon. Paul Okalik	N/A	\$258.17
TOTAL	\$12,000.00	\$12,258.17