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Creation of new Ministerial posts and revision of certain pay and allowances.

I wish to inform the House that the Government has decided to make the following changes in the construction of the Cabinet:-

(1) It has been decided to create the office of full-time Minister of State. Two such posts will be created. Ministers of State will be assigned duties in certain Ministries. It is considered that the emoluments attached to the office of Minister of State should be higher than those attached to the office of Minister without Portfolio and it is proposed that they should be as follows:-

- (i) Where the Minister of State is a Senator -
Salary ... £2,750 per annum
- (ii) Ministerial travelling ... £500 " "
- (iii) Commuted travelling ... £200 " "
Upkeep allowance, plus 6d. a mile if from outside the Corporate Area.
- (iv) Subsistence Allowance as for Parliamentary Secretaries: £5 a night for 5 nights commuted for 52 weeks if from outside the Corporate Area
- (v) Entertainment Allowance ... £400 per annum
- (vi) Chauffeur's Allowance ... £10 per week
- (vii) Housing Accommodation ... fully furnished house at £180 per annum plus 3% of value of furniture.

(2) Instead of the complement of Ministers provided in the previous estimates, provision will now be made for the following:

	<u>Salary</u>
1 Prime Minister	£6,000
1 Minister of Finance	3,250
11 Ministers	3,000 each
2 Ministers of State	2,750 "
1 Minister without Portfolio	2,250 "

These provisions will reflect the constitution of the present Cabinet.

2. It is proposed that the emoluments for the President of the Senate should be slightly improved by increasing the President's pay from £800 to £1,000 per annum and, in accordance with practice to be found in many Commonwealth countries, to provide the Speaker with a house for

which he will pay £180 per annum plus 3% of the value of the furniture. The Speaker's salary will remain at £2,500 and he receives an entertainment allowance of £300. The President of the Senate receives an entertainment allowance of £200.

3. In view of the fact that these provisions would not be covered by the Vote-on-Account Resolution approved by the House, inasmuch as they are new posts or regrading of existing posts, and because it is necessary for these posts to have been available immediately after the Government was constituted, the House will be asked by Resolution to agree that the arrangements set out above be deemed to apply from the date on which the several appointees to the above posts took up their positions.

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