



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

S.I. No. 56 of 2008

OIREACHTAS (ALLOWANCES AND ALLOCATIONS) (MEMBERS
AND HOLDERS OF PARLIAMENTARY AND CERTAIN
MINISTERIAL OFFICES) ORDER 2008

(Prn. A8/0312)

OIREACHTAS (ALLOWANCES AND ALLOCATIONS) (MEMBERS
AND HOLDERS OF PARLIAMENTARY AND CERTAIN
MINISTERIAL OFFICES) ORDER 2008

The Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3 (as amended by section 39 of the Ministerial, Parliamentary and Judicial Offices and Oireachtas Members (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2001 (No. 33 of 2001) (“Act of 2001”) and section 8(5) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Act 2003 (No. 28 of 2003)), 3A (inserted by section 40 of the Act of 2001), 4, 5 and 8 (as amended by section 43 of the Act of 2001) of the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 5 of 1998), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Oireachtas (Allowances and Allocations) (Members and Holders of Parliamentary and Certain Ministerial Offices) Order 2008.

2. There is payable to a member of Dáil Éireann who holds or held a position in Dáil Éireann specified in column (2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 at any reference number, an allowance, in respect of the member’s duties as holder of that position, annually at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 14 June 2007, during which the member held that position.

3. There is payable to a member of Seanad Éireann who holds or held a position in Seanad Éireann, specified in column (2) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 at any reference number, an allowance, in respect of the member’s duties as holder of that position, annually at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 13 September 2007, during which the member held that position.

4. There is payable to a member of the Oireachtas who holds or held a position as a member of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission an allowance in respect of the member’s duties as holder of that position, at the rate of €19,058 annually, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 1 January 2004, during which the member held that position.

5. There is payable to—

- (a) Tom Kitt, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, for any period beginning on or after 14 June 2007, and
- (b) Brendan Smith, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, at the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

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and at the Department of Education and Science, for any period beginning on or after 20 June 2007,

as the holder of that office and those offices, respectively, who regularly attend meetings of the Government, an annual allowance at the rate of €19,058.

6. There is payable to a member of the Oireachtas who holds or held the position of chairperson of an Oireachtas Committee, specified in column (2) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 at any reference number, an annual allowance, in respect of the member's duties as holder of that position, at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 23 October 2007, during which the member held that position.

7. There is payable to a member of the Oireachtas who holds or held the position of chairperson of an Oireachtas sub-committee, specified in column (2) of Part 2 of the Schedule 2 at any reference number, an annual allowance, in respect of the member's duties as holder of that position, at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 23 October 2007, during which the member held that position.

8. There is payable to a member of the Oireachtas who holds or held the position of vice-chairperson of an Oireachtas Committee, specified in column (2) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 at any reference number, an annual allowance, in respect of the member's duties as holder of that position, at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 23 October 2007, during which the member held that position.

9. There is payable to a member of the Oireachtas who holds or held the position of whip to an Oireachtas Committee, specified in column (2) of Part 4 of Schedule 2 at any reference number, an annual allowance, in respect of the member's duties as holder of that position, at the rate specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period, beginning on or after 23 October 2007, during which the member held that position.

10. There is allocated to the chairperson of an Oireachtas Committee, specified in column (2) of Part 5 of Schedule 2 at any reference number, an annual amount, to enable allowances to be paid to members of the Committee or any of its sub-committees in accordance with section 5 of the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 5 of 1998), of the amount specified in column (3) of that Part opposite that reference number, in respect of any period beginning on or after 23 October 2007.

11. The following are revoked:

- (a) the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998 (Allowances and Allocations) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 59 of 2003),

- (b) the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998 (Allowances and Allocations) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 431 of 2004),
- (c) the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998 (Allowances and Allocations) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 214 of 2006), and
- (d) the Oireachtas (Allowances to Chairpersons of Oireachtas Committees and Sub-Committees) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 140 of 2007).

SCHEDULE 1

ALLOWANCES TO WHIPS AND SEANAD LEADERS

*Part 1**Article 2.*RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO HOLDERS OF SPECIFIED POSITIONS IN
DÁIL ÉIREANN

Reference number (1)	Position (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	Assistant Government Whip	€15,255
2.	Whip to the Fine Gael Party	€19,058
3.	Whip to the Labour Party	€15,255
4.	Whip to the Progressive Democrats Party	€6,072
5.	Whip to the Green Party	€6,072
6.	Whip to the Sinn Féin Party	€6,072
7.	Assistant Whip to the Fine Gael Party	€9,747
8.	Assistant Whip to the Labour Party	€6,072

*Part 2**Article 3.*RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO HOLDERS OF SPECIFIED POSITIONS IN
SEANAD ÉIREANN

Reference number (1)	Position (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	Deputy Leader of the House	€9,747
2.	Opposition Leader	€9,747
3.	Government Whip	€6,072
4.	Assistant Government Whip	€4,237
5.	Opposition Whip	€6,072
6.	Leader of an Independent Group	€6,072
7.	Leader of the Labour Group	€6,072
8.	Whip to an Independent Group	€4,237
9.	Whip to the Labour Group	€4,237

SCHEDULE 2

OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES —
ALLOWANCES AND ALLOCATIONS

Article 6.

Part 1

RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CHAIRPERSONS OF SPECIFIED
OIREACHTAS COMMITTEES.

Reference number (1)	Oireachtas Committee (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs	€19,058
2.	The Joint Committee on European Affairs	€19,058
3.	The Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights	€19,058
4.	The Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs	€19,058
5.	The Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	€19,058
6.	The Joint Committee on Transport	€19,058
7.	The Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment	€19,058
8.	The Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service	€19,058
9.	The Joint Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government	€19,058
10.	The Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	€19,058
11.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children	€19,058
12.	The Joint Committee on Education and Science	€19,058
13.	The Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	€19,058
14.	The Committee of Public Accounts	€19,058
15.	The British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body	€19,058
16.	The Joint Committee on the Constitution	€19,058
17.	The Select Committee on Members' Interests of Dáil Éireann	€19,058
18.	The Joint Committee on European Scrutiny	€19,058
19.	Joint Committee on Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement	€19,058
20.	The Joint Administration Committee	€19,058
21.	The Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security	€19,058
22.	The Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children	€19,058
23.	The Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs	€19,058
24.	The Select Committee on Members' Interests of Seanad Éireann	€6,072

Part 2

Article 7.

RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CHAIRPERSONS OF SPECIFIED
OIREACTHAS SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference number (1)	Oireachtas Sub-committee (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	The Committee on Procedures and Privileges of Dáil Éireann	€6,072
2.	- sub-Committee on Members' Services of Seanad Éireann	€6,072
3.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs - sub-Committee on Development Co-operation	€6,072
4.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs - sub-Committee on Human Rights	€6,072
5.	The Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights - sub-Committee on the Barron Report	€6,072
6.	The Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources - sub-Committee on Information Communication Technology	€6,072
7.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children - sub-Committee on Orthodontics	€6,072
8.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children - sub-Committee on the Adverse Side Effects of Pharmaceuticals	€6,072
9.	The Committee on Procedures and Privileges of Dáil Éireann - sub-Committee on Dáil Reform	€6,072
10.	The Committee on Procedures and Privileges of Seanad Éireann - sub-Committee on Seanad Reform	€6,072

RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF SPECIFIED
OIREACHTAS COMMITTEES.

Reference number (1)	Oireachtas Committee (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs	€9,747
2.	The Joint Committee on European Affairs	€9,747
3.	The Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights	€9,747
4.	The Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs	€9,747
5.	The Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	€9,747
6.	The Joint Committee on Transport	€9,747
7.	The Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment	€9,747
8.	The Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service	€9,747
9.	The Joint Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government	€9,747
10.	The Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	€9,747
11.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children	€9,747
12.	The Joint Committee on Education and Science	€9,747
13.	The Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	€9,747
14.	The Committee of Public Accounts	€9,747
15.	The British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body	€9,747
16.	The Joint Committee on the Constitution	€9,747
17.	The Joint Committee on European Scrutiny	€9,747
18.	The Joint Committee on Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement	€9,747
19.	The Joint Administration Committee	€9,747
20.	The Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security	€9,747
21.	The Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children	€9,747
22.	The Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs	€9,747

Part 4

Article 9.

RATES OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO WHIPS TO SPECIFIED OIREACHTAS
COMMITTEES.

Reference number (1)	Oireachtas Committee (2)	Rate of annual allowance (3)
1.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs	€6,072
2.	The Joint Committee on European Affairs	€6,072
3.	The Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights	€6,072
4.	The Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs	€6,072
5.	The Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	€6,072
6.	The Joint Committee on Transport	€6,072
7.	The Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment	€6,072
8.	The Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service	€6,072
9.	The Joint Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government	€6,072
10.	The Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	€6,072
11.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children	€6,072
12.	The Joint Committee on Education and Science	€6,072
13.	The Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	€6,072
14.	The Committee of Public Accounts	€6,072
15.	The Joint Committee on the Constitution	€6,072
16.	The Joint Committee on European Scrutiny	€6,072
17.	Joint Committee on Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement	€6,072
18.	The Joint Administration Committee	€6,072
19.	The Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security	€6,072
20.	The Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children	€6,072
21.	The Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs	€6,072

AMOUNTS OF ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS TO CHAIRPERSONS OF SPECIFIED OIREACHTAS
COMMITTEES

Reference number (1)	Oireachtas Committee (2)	Amount of allocation (3)
1.	The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs	€15,255
2.	The Joint Committee on European Affairs	€15,255
3.	The Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights	€15,255
4.	The Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs	€15,255
5.	The Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	€15,255
6.	The Joint Committee on Transport	€15,255
7.	The Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment	€15,255
8.	The Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service	€15,255
9.	The Joint Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government	€15,255
10.	The Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	€15,255
11.	The Joint Committee on Health and Children	€15,255
12.	The Joint Committee on Education and Science	€15,255
13.	The Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht	€15,255
14.	The Joint Committee of Public Accounts	€15,255
15.	The Joint Committee on the Constitution	€15,255
16.	The Joint Committee on European Scrutiny	€15,255
17.	Joint Committee on Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement	€15,255
18.	The Joint Administration Committee	€15,255
19.	The Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security	€15,255
20.	The Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children	€15,255
21.	The Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs	€15,255



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