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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Remuneration Authority (Members of Parliament Remuneration) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Remuneration Authority (Members of Parliament Remuneration) Amendment Bill ('the Bill') is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act').
2. We have not yet received a final version of the Bill. This advice has been prepared in relation to the latest version of the Bill (PCO 21593/2.1). We will provide you with further advice if the final version includes amendments that affect the conclusions in this advice.
3. The Bill amends the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 and the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Services) Act 2013 to freeze the remuneration for Members of Parliament (MPs) at current levels until 1 July 2019. The Bill carries over the current Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Determination 2017 with a new expiry date of 30 June 2019. This means that MPs' salaries, superannuation subsidies and expense allowances will remain the same until the Authority makes a new determination in 2019.
4. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act.

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