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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) Act* (Cap. 84), I make these Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Puisne Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2019*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations are deemed to commence on 1 September 2016.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Puisne Judges) Regulations 2015 (the “*principal Regulations*”) (Legal Notice No. 74 of 2015).

4 Regulation 9 amended

Regulation 9(b) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “‘telephone,” and “and the cost of a mobile phone,”.

5 Regulation 13 amended

(1) The heading to regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following:

“13. Transport and accommodation on leave”

(2) Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting the following after subregulation (2):

“(3) A Puisne Judge is entitled to claim the following:

- (a) transport costs from his or her drop-off point by boat or plane, to and from his or her home village;
- (b) accommodation and any related costs while on transit at the drop-off point.”

6 Regulation 21 amended

Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting the following after subregulation (2):

“(3) The Puisne Judge, his or her spouse and any child of the Puisne Judge are entitled to claim reimbursement of annual medical expenses up to the amount specified in the Schedule on production of receipt.”

7 New Regulation 33 and Regulation 34

The principal Regulations is amended by inserting the following after regulation 32:

“33. Apply for tax exemption

A Puisne Judge may apply for tax exemption under section 16 of the *Income Tax Act* (Cap. 123) for the following:

- (a) housing allowance;
- (b) vehicle allowance
- (c) long service benefit;
- (d) gratuity.

34. Telephone

The Government must pay the following:

- (a) instalment costs of a telephone landline at the residence of the Puisne Judge;
- (b) costs of a mobile handset in the amount specified in the Schedule, payable every 3 years;
- (c) monthly telephone allowance specified in the Schedule.”

8 Schedule amended

The Schedule to the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following:

“Regulation	Description	Amount
5	Fortnightly salary	\$8,076.92.
7	Monthly housing allowance	\$18,000
9	Monthly utilities allowance	\$6,000
11	Monthly vehicle allowance	\$6,000
11	Monthly fuel allowance	\$4,000
15	Daily overseas travel allowance	USD350
17	Daily local travel allowance	\$500
18	Annual clothing allowance	\$13,000
20	Annual entertainment allowance	\$10,000
21	Annual medical expenses	\$14,000
23	Annual education allowance	\$18,000
24	Daily higher duties allowance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor-General • Chief Justice or Deputy Chief Justice • Judge of the Court of Appeal 	\$100 the daily sitting fee for a Judge of the Court of Appeal
25	Appointment grant	\$12,000
28	Termination grant	\$400,000
34	Mobile handset	\$4,000
34	Monthly telephone allowance	\$1,000”

DATED AT HONIARA this twentieth-first day of February, 2019.

HON. RICK HOUENIPWELA
PRIME MINISTER

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