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Statement of Policy

The Premier may approve a Member's request that his or her spouse be permitted to travel with the Member at government expense provided attendance by the Minister is required or expected in the usual performance of his or her duties and protocol suggests that it is appropriate for a spouse to accompany the Member.

The Premier may permit his or her spouse to accompany him or her on duty travel when protocol suggests that such travel is appropriate.

Principles

Where it is appropriate or required that a Member's spouse accompany a Member on duty travel, the spouse should not be expected to pay for the cost of such travel from personal funds.

Definitions

Member - for the purposes of this policy, a Member of the Executive Council, including the Premier, appointed to the Executive Council by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly.

Ministerial Appointment – an appointment as a Minister of the executive government in accordance with Section 66 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

Spouse - a spouse as defined in the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

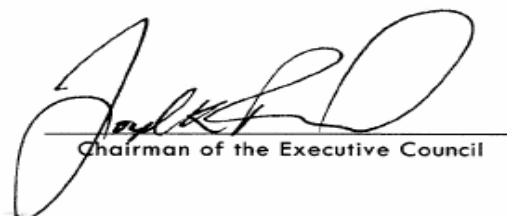
Guidelines

- (1) Procedures governing public service duty travel, as laid out in the Financial Administration Manual, will apply to spousal travel authorized under this policy.
- (2) When a Member ceases to hold a ministerial assignment, the Member shall no longer be eligible for benefits under this Policy.

Responsibilities

- (1) Costs of spousal travel will be charged to the department responsible for the respective Member's duty travel.
- (2) The Department of Executive, in consultation with all other departments, shall establish administrative procedures necessary to the implementation of this policy.

Feb-17-09
Date


Chairman of the Executive Council