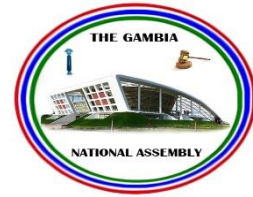




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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SALARIES AND PENSIONS BILL, 2024

The Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly wishes to clarify, on unequivocal terms, that the National Assembly Salaries and Pensions Bill, 2024 including the **Schedule** to the Bill, **DOES NOT** in any way increase the Members' pay or allowances as has been misrepresented in the public space.

The National Assembly Salaries and Pensions Act which the aforesaid Bill seeks to repeal and replace has been in existence since 1997, pursuant to section 95 of the existing Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia.

The Bill principally focuses on addressing three specific issues relating to gratuities:

- a) gratuity for the next of kin of a sitting member who dies in office after serving at least one year;
- b) gratuity for a member who resigns or is recalled by the electorate and has served at least one year; and
- c) gratuity for a member who completes the residual term of a member who dies, resigns, or is recalled by voters.

The Bill seeks to promote transparency and accountability in respect of the remuneration of Members of the National Assembly.

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