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### DIRECTIVE #7.2

(s.54(a) - c.L-11.3)

## CAUCUS RESOURCES

- (1) The Board of Internal Economy recognizes that a caucus is an organized group of two or more individuals who are elected members of the Legislative Assembly and who have the same party affiliation. The Board authorizes the payment of public money to each caucus to provide resources to support the members of that caucus in their roles as legislators in the Legislative Assembly and in legislative committees and to support the caucus in determining its political strategy.
- (2) In order to assist each caucus in performing its function within the parliamentary system, the Board of Internal Economy shall provide funding for research, information technology, administrative services and other operating expenses of the caucus in the amount calculated in accordance with clause (3).
- (3)
  - (a) Annual funding to a caucus, other than the government caucus, is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

A base amount of \$449,303\*\* plus the product of \$35,618\* multiplied by the number of Private Members in the caucus excluding Ministers of the Crown (cabinet ministers), the Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party.
  - (b) Annual funding to the government caucus is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

A base amount of \$449,303\* plus the product of \$35,618\* multiplied by the number of Private Members in the caucus plus two and excluding Ministers of the Crown (cabinet ministers), the Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party.

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- (4) The amounts calculated in clause (3) shall be prorated over 12 months and paid monthly in arrears.
- (5) With respect to the calculations specified in clause (3), any change in the number of Private Members in a caucus will increase or reduce the size of the caucus for purposes of calculating a caucus' annual funding.
- (6) A caucus may pay caucus staff directly or may request that the Legislative Assembly Service pay an employee of a caucus in accordance with the written direction of the caucus chair or designate. Subject to clause (6.1), any portion of caucus funding that is paid directly to an employee by the Legislative Assembly Service shall be deducted from the amount of that caucus' monthly payment.
  - (6.1) Where a caucus terminates the employment of a caucus employee without cause, the amount of money that is paid as severance to the employee shall be in accordance with guidelines approved by the Board of Internal Economy. The amount of money that is paid as severance shall be in addition to that caucus' annual grant amount that is determined pursuant to clause (3) and shall not be deducted from the amount of that caucus' annual grant.
- (7) Caucus funding shall not be used for items, services or activities that are:
  - (a) of a personal nature;
  - (b) a donation or loan to an individual or to a party organization;
  - (c) payments to an individual, association or elected member for anything that is not directly related to caucus activities;
  - (d) for any of the following or similar purposes:
    - (i) announcements of or attendance at party, or party constituency association meetings and events;
    - (ii) solicitations for party membership;
    - (iii) solicitations of contributions, monetary or otherwise, for a political party;
    - (iv) requests for re-election support including election campaign material;
    - (v) the promotion and/or conduct of election nominations or party leadership campaigns;
    - (vi) the conduct or commissioning of surveys about voting intentions;
    - (vii) print or electronic media announcements or advertising in a newspaper, program, circular, magazine, or journal that is produced or published by an individual who or an entity that is controlled by or has a direct affiliation with a registered political party in Saskatchewan.

- (8) On April 1 of each year, the dollar amounts specified in clause (3) shall be increased or decreased by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan, and this Directive may be reproduced to include the indexed amount.