



**REPORT RESPECTING BENEFITS PAID  
TO MINISTERS  
UNDER THE  
MINISTERIAL BENEFITS POLICIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
31 MARCH 2024**



**The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, S.Nu. 2002, c.5,**

**36. (2)Annual report by Premier**

The Premier shall, during each fiscal year, cause a report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly

(a) setting out any policies made under subsection 33.1 (2) in the previous fiscal year; and

(b) showing the amounts paid pursuant to a policy made under subsection 33.1(2), by way of allowance, expense or benefit during the previous fiscal year to each person who have been a member of the Executive Council during that Fiscal year.

No policies were made under subsection 33.1 (2) in fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Section 3.2 (1) of the Ministerial Benefits Policy, Reimbursement for Costs of Temporary Accommodation in Iqaluit (6) provides:**

*“Ministers who continue to maintain a primary residence in a community other than Iqaluit (including Apex) during the period of their appointment to Cabinet as affirmed by the completion of the Declaration of Residency form, are eligible to claim reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of maintaining a residence in Iqaluit. These include the costs of rent, heat, electricity and utilities for the temporary accommodation that they occupy in Iqaluit, less the rent, if any, received from their primary residence.”*

The following benefits were paid under this policy in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2024:

| Member                 | Total Benefits Paid 2023-24 | Total Benefits Paid 2022-23 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | \$60,608.75                 | \$66,426.41                 |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | \$32,981.99                 | \$39,237.58                 |
| Hon. Joanna Quassa     | \$34,714.28                 | \$ 39,444.28                |
| Hon. Daniel Qavvik     | \$19,989.52                 | \$0                         |
| Hon. Joelie Kaernerik  | \$9,240.00                  | \$0                         |
| Hon. Craig Simailak    | \$0                         | \$41,602.23                 |
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | \$83,999.15                 | \$80,980.70                 |
| Hon. John Main         | \$62,202.50                 | \$69,284.60                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$274,641.19</b>         | <b>\$336,975.80</b>         |

**Section 5.4 (1) of the Ministerial Benefits Policy, Home Travel (10) provides that:**

*“Ministers who represent a non-Iqaluit constituency, and relocate to Iqaluit, may claim Home Travel Expenses for themselves, their spouse and dependent children for personal trips between their electoral district and Iqaluit.”*

| Member                 | Total Benefits Paid 2023-24 | Total Benefits Paid 2022-23 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | \$11,917.87                 | \$10,674.99                 |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | \$9,067.24                  | \$9,080.19                  |
| Hon. Joanna Quassa     | \$7,916.44                  | \$18,623.86                 |
| Hon. Daniel Qavvik     | \$65,609.70                 | \$0                         |
| Hon. Joeline Kaernerck | \$6,994.02                  | \$0                         |
| Hon. Karen Nutarak     | \$1,079.79                  | \$0                         |
| Hon. Craig Simailak    | \$0                         | \$9,117.01                  |
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | \$15,140.66                 | \$25,692.01                 |
| Hon. John Main         | \$34,232.75                 | \$36,469.15                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$151,958.47</b>         | <b>\$109,657.21</b>         |

**Breakdown of Ministers home travel for fiscal year April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024**

| <u>Member</u>          | <u>Home Travel</u><br><u># of trips</u> | <u>Total</u>       | <u>Dependents</u><br><u>travel</u><br><u># of trips</u> | <u>Total</u>       |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | 16                                      | \$4,774.56         | 14  | \$7,143.31         |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | 6                                       | \$6,405.58         | 2   | \$2,661.66         |
| Hon. Joanna Quassa     | 4                                       | \$3,892.62         | 4   | \$4,023.82         |
| Hon. Daniel Qavvik     | 4                                       | \$21,377.12        | 18  | \$44,232.58        |
| Hon. Joeline Kaernerck | 1                                       | \$1,473.14         | 4   | \$5,520.88         |
| Hon. Karen Nutarak     | 1                                       | \$1,079.79         | 0   | \$0                |
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | 2                                       | \$6,443.83         | 4   | \$8,696.83         |
| Hon. John Main         | 4                                       | \$11,268.06        | 4   | \$22,964.69        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |   | <b>\$56,714.70</b> |   | <b>\$95,243.77</b> |

**Section 2.3 (2) of the Ministerial Benefits Policy, Reimbursement for Costs of Establishing, Maintaining and Dissolving Blind Trusts (22) provides that:**

*“Ministers may be reimbursed for reasonable fees and disbursements incurred in establishing, maintaining and dissolving blind trusts determined to be necessary by the Integrity Commissioner. Spouses and dependent children may not claim reimbursement.*

No Ministers have entered into a blind trust arrangement in 2023/24 Fiscal Year.

**Ministerial Benefits for Employer Paid Benefits, provided Ministers with:**

Employer’s share of Public Service Health Care Plan, Long-Term Disability and Public Service Management Insurance Plan paid in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2024 totaled:

| Member                 | Total Premiums Paid by the<br>GN 2023-24 | Total Premiums Paid by the<br>GN 2022-23 |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Hon. PJ Akeeagok       | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. Daniel Qavvik     | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. Karen Nutarak     | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. David Joanasie    | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. David Akeeagok    | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| Hon. John Main         | N/A*                                     | N/A*                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | N/A*                                     | Total Premiums Paid by the<br>GN 2022-23 |

\*Employer paid benefits are now paid within the Legislative Assembly budget

**Section 5.3 (2) of the Ministerial Benefits Policy, Spousal Travel (11) provides that Ministers:**

“Upon prior approval of the Premier, Ministers may invite their spouse to travel with them at government expense on scheduled flights provided the purpose of such travel meets the following criteria:

- Attendance by the Minister is required or expected in the usual performance of his/her Executive or portfolio responsibilities; and
- Protocol dictates that a spouse accompanies the Minister.”

| Member           | Total Benefits Paid 2023-24 | Total Benefits Paid 2022-23 |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hon. PJ Akeeagok | N/A                         | N/A                         |

|                        |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. Daniel Qavvik     | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. Karen Nutarak     | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. David Joanasie    | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. David Akeeagok    | N/A        | N/A        |
| Hon. John Main         | N/A        | N/A        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Ministerial Entertainment Allowance (13)** payments were made in the following amounts for the year ending 31 March 2024:

| Member                 | Total Benefits Paid 2023-24 | Total Benefits Paid 2022-23 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hon. PJ Akeeagok       | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. Margaret Nakashuk | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. Pamela Gross      | \$176.71                    | \$176.71                    |
| Hon. Joanna Quassa     | \$0                         | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. Lorne Kusugak     | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. David Joanasie    | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. David Akeeagok    | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Hon. John Main         | \$1,500.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$9,176.71</b>           | <b>\$10,676.71</b>          |