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DIRECTIVE #10.1
(s.54(b) - c.L-11.3)

RESOURCES FOR THE OFFICE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER

- (1) Each office of an independent Member is entitled to receive annual funding of \$35,724* for research, information technology, administrative services and other operating expenses. "Independent Member" is defined by s.2 of *The Legislative Assembly Act, 2007* as a Member who does not belong to a caucus.
- (2) The amount mentioned in clause (1) shall be prorated over 12 months and paid monthly in arrears.
- (3) An independent Member may pay that Member's staff directly or may request that the Legislative Assembly Service pay an employee of that Member's office in accordance with the written direction of the independent Member. Any portion of the funding that is paid directly to an employee by the Legislative Assembly Service shall be deducted from the amount of that independent Member's monthly payment that is made pursuant to this directive.
- (4) Resources for the office of an independent Member 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 an independent Member's 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;

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- (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.
- (5) An independent Member shall submit an annual statement showing all monies received and disbursed from funding provided pursuant to this directive. The statement shall be submitted to the Speaker on or before September 30 of each year and Directive #23 applies with any necessary modification.
- (6) When the office of an independent Member ceases to exist, the independent Member shall prepare and submit to the Speaker within 3 months a statement covering the period of time from the last statement submitted to the Speaker up to and including the date the office ceased to exist showing:
 - (a) all receipts and disbursements;
 - (b) any surplus funds; and
 - (c) all fixed assets (including furniture and equipment) that have been purchased with Crown funds.
- (7) When the office of an independent Member ceases to exist all surplus funds and all fixed assets (including furniture and equipment) that have been purchased with the funding shall be returned to the Crown.
- (8) On April 1 of each year, the annual funding set out in clause (1) 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.