

## FACT SHEET

### Annual Salary<sup>1</sup> of Major Office-holders in Selected Overseas Legislatures<sup>2</sup> and Governments<sup>3</sup> (as of May 2006)

	Hong Kong	Singapore	United States	United Kingdom	Canada	New South Wales of Australia
<b>Member of legislature</b>	HK\$652,680	SG\$142,800 <sup>5</sup> (HK\$700,000)	US\$165,200 (HK\$1,280,000)	£59,095 (HK\$850,000)	CAN\$147,700 (HK\$1,035,000)	AU\$110,650 (HK\$650,000)
<b>President/Speaker of legislature</b>	HK\$1,305,240	Information not available	US\$208,100 (HK\$1,614,000)	£133,997 (HK\$1,930,000)	CAN\$218,500 (HK\$1,530,000)	AU\$173,721 (HK\$1,020,000)
<b>President's Deputy/ Deputy Speaker of legislature</b>	HK\$979,200	Information not available	Not applicable	£97,949 (HK\$1,410,000)	CAN\$184,500 (HK\$1,293,000)	AU\$143,845 (HK\$846,000)
<b>Head of government: Chief Executive/ President/ Prime Minister/ Premier</b>	HK\$2,934,780 (excluding all other entitlements)	About SG\$1,940,000 (HK\$9,500,000)	US\$400,000 (HK\$3,100,000)	£183,932 (HK\$2,650,000)	CAN\$295,400 (HK\$2,070,000)	AU\$215,768 (HK\$1,270,000)
<b>Cabinet Minister</b>	Principal officer: <sup>4</sup> HK\$3,219,660 (including salary and all other entitlements)	SG\$1,166,844 (HK\$5,700,000) to SG\$1,458,040 (HK\$7,140,000) (as of 2003)	US\$180,100 (HK\$1,400,000)	£133,997 (HK\$1,930,000)	CAN\$218,500 (HK\$1,530,000)	AU\$173,721 (HK\$1,020,000)
<b>Statutory contribution rate of retirement plan for Member of legislature</b>	Member is not entitled to any retirement benefit.	5% to 20% of Member's allowance under the Central Provident Fund scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8% of Member's salary under the Civil Service Retirement System; or</li> <li>• 1.3% of Member's salary under the Federal Employees' Retirement System</li> </ul>	10% of Member's salary	7% of Member's salary	Member needs not contribute. Government's contribution is equal to 12.5% of Member's salary

<sup>1</sup> Excluding all other entitlements.

<sup>2</sup> The legislatures are the Singapore Parliament, the United States House of Representatives, the United Kingdom House of Commons, the Canadian House of Commons and the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.

<sup>3</sup> The governments are the Singapore government, the United States federal government, the United Kingdom central government, the Canadian federal government and the New South Wales state government.

<sup>4</sup> Excluding the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Justice.

<sup>5</sup> This is the annual allowance of an Elected Member. In Singapore, a Member's income from Parliament is called "allowance" instead of "salary" because, according to the Parliament Secretariat, the parliamentary duties performed by Members are generally considered as part-time. Parliament has 94 Members, comprising 84 Elected Members, one Non-Constituency Member and nine Nominated Members. In 2004, the annual allowance of a Non-Constituency or Nominated Member was SG\$13,200 (HK\$63,000). Parliament can meet at any time of a year. The date of the sitting can be specifically named by Parliament upon its adjournment or otherwise called by the Speaker. In 2005, Parliament had a total of 31 sittings, each of which usually started at 1:30 pm and lasted for not more than six hours. In 2005, a total of 38 Bills were introduced in and passed by Parliament. The majority of Bills are scrutinized by the whole House sitting as a Committee, and the rest by ad hoc Select Committees. In addition, Parliament has seven standing Select Committees to handle other House affairs.

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