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Resolution

Administrative subsidies to be given to Parish and Municipal Councillors for them to function effectively in their Divisions

Whereas the primary function of a Councillor is to see the developmental goals of the Division through representation,

Whereas it is necessary to have administrative support such as stationary supplies, office space and secretarial support in order to effectively do the job of representation and other crucial functions,

Whereas at another arm of governance where representation is also critical, the Members of Parliament are provided with at least \$80,000 monthly for administrative support,

Be it resolved that a subsidy be created to be henceforth referred to as 'office upkeep',

Be it resolved that \$60,000 per month be provided to each Division,

Be it resolved this money may be used for payment of office rent, the payment of a secretarial stipend, purchase of stationary supplies, internet and utility bills for said office and purchase of office furniture and cleaning supplies,

Be it further resolved the Ministry of Local Government formulate the regulations to govern this allocation, and implement and educate the Councils on the procedures,

Be it further resolved that increases in this amount be tied to similar percentage increases for the MP's office upkeep,

And be it further resolved, that this resolution be circulated to all Parish Councils, the Portmore Municipal Council and the Ministries of Local Government and Community Development and Finance for support.

Moved by: Councillor Eugene Kelly

Seconded by: Councillor Donovan Samuels, J.P.

