

Recommendations of the Mason Report

1. Legislation should be enacted prohibiting absolutely any reduction in judicial remuneration.
2. Provision should be made by Ordinance for a standing appropriation to meet the payment of judicial remuneration.
3. Judicial remuneration should be fixed by the Executive after considering recommendations by an independent body.
4. The independent body should be established by statute.
5. The independent body's role should be confined to judicial remuneration exclusively.
6. The members of the independent body should be appointed by the Executive. The statute should contain provisions relating to membership such as providing for members from the legal profession and for members possessing certain experience and expertise, those ineligible for membership, terms of office and grounds for removal.
7. The methodology, that is the factors which should be considered, should be specified in the statute.
8. Performance pay and productivity bonuses should not form part of judicial remuneration.
9. The independent statutory body should adopt a procedure which is transparent and its reports containing its recommendations to the Executive should be published.