



Civil List Act 1972

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1972 CHAPTER 7

An Act to make further provision for the honour and dignity of the Crown and the Royal Family, and for the payment of certain allowances and pensions.

[24th February 1972]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify to Your faithful Commons in Parliament assembled that Your Majesty is desirous that consideration should be given to the provision for Your Majesty's Civil List made by Parliament in the first year of Your Majesty's reign, the provision then made for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of Your Family, and the provision made in the first year of Your Majesty's father's reign for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and for His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester; and that provision should be now made for Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester and any future wife of a younger son of Your Majesty in the event of any of them surviving her husband:

And Whereas Your Majesty has further been graciously pleased to signify that Your Majesty is content to forgo the provision made by Parliament for Your Majesty's Privy Purse:

Now, therefore, we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled, have freely and voluntarily resolved to make such provision as hereinafter appears for the purposes aforesaid, and we do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Annual
payment for
the Queen's
Civil List.

1.—(1) There shall, during the present reign and a period of six months afterwards, be paid for the Queen's Civil List the yearly sum of £980,000.

(2) The said yearly sum may be increased in accordance with the following provisions of this Act.

(3) The yearly sum payable for the Queen's Civil List shall be appropriated to the services and purposes set out below, that is—

Salaries and expenses of Her Majesty's Household, and royal bounty, alms and special services;

and expenditure for those services and purposes is in this Act referred to as "Civil List expenditure".

(4) If, as respects any calendar year, the sum payable for the Queen's Civil List exceeds the audited Civil List expenditure, an amount equal to the excess shall be paid to the Royal Trustees out of the appropriation to Civil List expenditure, to be accumulated by them and applied in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(5) If, before the Civil List expenditure for any year has been audited, it appears to the Treasury that a payment will fall to be made under subsection (4) of this section for the year, the Treasury may make a payment before the audit, and such adjustment shall be made after the audit as may in the circumstances of the case appear to the Treasury to be required.

(6) If, as respects any calendar year, the sum payable for the Queen's Civil List is less than the audited Civil List expenditure, the Royal Trustees shall make good the deficiency by applying money available by virtue of subsections (4) and (5) of this section, or by virtue of section 3(4) of this Act.

(7) The Royal Trustees may at the request of the Treasury make out of money so available advances towards meeting Civil List expenditure before that expenditure has been audited, and where advances have been so made such adjustment shall be made after the audit as may in the circumstances of the case appear to the Treasury to be required.

(8) Any money so available which is not applied in accordance with this section shall be dealt with after the end of the present reign in such manner as Parliament may hereafter determine.

1952 c. 37.

(9) In subsections (2) and (3) of section 2 of the Civil List Act 1952 (reductions in payments for the Queen's Civil List in any period during which the Duke of Cornwall for the time being is a minor, or during which the Duchy of Cornwall is vested in Her Majesty) for references to the sum payable under subsection (1) of that section there shall be substituted references to the sum payable for the Queen's Civil List under this Act.

2.—(1) In section 3 of the Civil List Act 1937 (provision for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) for the words “seventy thousand pounds” there shall be substituted the words “£95,000”. Further provision for members of the Royal Family.

(2) In section 4(2) of the Civil List Act 1937 (provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester) for the words “ten thousand pounds” there shall be substituted the words “£20,000”. 1937 c. 32.

(3) In section 3 of the Civil List Act 1952 (provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh) for the words “forty thousand pounds” there shall be substituted the words “£65,000”. 1952 c. 37.

(4) In section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1952 (provision for Her Majesty’s younger children)—

(a) for the words “ten thousand pounds” and “six thousand pounds” (yearly sums for a younger son, or for a daughter) there shall be substituted the words “£20,000” and “£15,000” respectively, and

(b) for the words “fifteen thousand pounds” and “nine thousand pounds” (additional yearly amounts in respect of a son or daughter who marries) there shall be substituted the words “£30,000” and “£20,000” respectively.

(5) In section 5(1) of the Civil List Act 1952 (provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret) for the words “nine thousand pounds” there shall be substituted the words “£29,000”.

(6) In section 6 of the Civil List Act 1952 (provision for widow of the Duke of Cornwall) for the words “thirty thousand pounds” there shall be substituted the words “£60,000.”

(7) In the event of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester surviving His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, there shall be paid to her during her life the yearly sum of £20,000.

(8) In the event of a son of Her present Majesty, other than the Duke of Cornwall for the time being, dying leaving a widow, there shall be paid to her during her life the yearly sum of £20,000.

(9) The yearly sums mentioned in sections 3 and 4(2) of the Civil List Act 1937, and in sections 3 to 6 of the Civil List Act 1952, as amended by this section, and the yearly sums mentioned in subsections (7) and (8) above, may be increased in accordance with the following provisions of this Act.

3.—(1) For the purposes specified in this section there shall be paid to the Royal Trustees the yearly sum of £60,000. Supplementary provision.

(2) The said yearly sum may be increased in accordance with the following provisions of this Act.

(3) The said yearly sum shall be available for making contributions towards expenses of the performance of duties pertaining to the Royal Family by those of Their Royal Highnesses for whom Parliament has not made other provision.

(4) If, as respects any calendar year, the sum payable under this section exceeds the contributions made under subsection (3) of this section, the excess shall be accumulated by the Royal Trustees, and applied in accordance with section 1 of this Act.

(5) As respects sums payable under this section to the Royal Trustees for any period after the end of the present reign, subsection (4) of this section shall have effect subject to such provision as Parliament may hereafter determine.

Civil List
and other
pensions.
1837 c. 2
(1 & 2 Vict.).
1952 c. 37.

4.—(1) In section 5 of the Civil List Act 1837 (Civil List pensions) for the words “one thousand two hundred pounds a year” in each place where those words occur there shall be substituted the words “£10,000 a year”, and so much of section 13(1) of the Civil List Act 1952 as increased the said £1,200 a year to £5,000 a year shall cease to have effect.

The sum mentioned in the said section 5 as amended by this subsection may be increased in accordance with the following provisions of this Act.

(2) For section 7(1) of the Civil List Act 1952 there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(1) The Treasury may undertake the payment of any retired allowances granted, on scales and in accordance with conditions approved from time to time by the Treasury, by Her Majesty to or in respect of persons who have been members of the Royal Household (including retired allowances taking account of previous employment), or of any sums so granted in order to enhance superannuation benefits to be derived from later employment.”

Reports
by Royal
Trustees as
to financial
provision
made by
this Act.

5.—(1) The Royal Trustees shall keep under review the yearly amounts of Civil List expenditure, and the sums available under this Act to meet that expenditure, and shall in accordance with this section from time to time make reports to the Treasury concerning those matters.

(2) A report may be made at any time, and—

(a) the first report on Civil List expenditure shall be made not later than 1st January 1982, and subsequent such reports shall, until the end of the present reign, be made at intervals of not more than ten years, and

(b) a report shall be made if at any time it appears to the Royal Trustees that the Civil List expenditure for the next calendar year will exceed the sums available under this Act to meet that expenditure unless an order or a further order is made under the following provisions of this Act.

(3) The Royal Trustees shall also keep under review the other amounts which can be increased in accordance with the following provisions of this Act, and any related matters, and they may, in a report on Civil List expenditure, or in a separate report, give any information on those matters.

(4) The Treasury shall lay a copy of any report made to them under this section before the Commons House of Parliament.

6.—(1) The Treasury may from time to time by order increase all or any of the following sums, that is—

- (a) the yearly sum mentioned in section 1(1) of this Act,
- (b) the sums mentioned in section 5 of the Civil List Act 1837, sections 3 and 4(2) of the Civil List Act 1937 and sections 3 to 6 of the Civil List Act 1952, as amended by this Act,
- (c) the yearly sums mentioned in subsections (7) and (8) of section 2, and in subsection (1) of section 3, of this Act.

Power by order to increase financial provision made by this Act. 1837 c. 2. (1 & 2 Vict. 1837 c. 32. 1952 c. 37.

(2) In exercising the powers conferred by this section the Treasury shall take account of the information afforded by any report made by the Royal Trustees.

(3) An order under this section may be made so as to take effect from the beginning of the calendar year in which it is made.

(4) An order under this section may contain such supplemental provisions, including provisions for the consequential amendment of any enactment mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, as may appear to the Treasury to be necessary or expedient.

(5) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament.

7. The sums required for any payments under this Act shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

Charge of payments under this Act.

8.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Civil List Act 1972.

(2) In this Act—

Short title and supplemental provisions.

“Civil List expenditure” has the meaning given by section 1(3) of this Act,

1952 c. 37. “ Royal Trustees ” means the trustees constituted by section 10 of the Civil List Act 1952.

1816 c. 46. (3) Section 12 of the Civil List Act 1952 (adjustments in respect of parts of years) shall apply to yearly payments mentioned in this Act as it applies to yearly payments mentioned in that Act, and in section 13(2) of that Act (application of Civil List Audit Act 1816) the reference to the Civil List shall include a reference to the Civil List under this Act.

(4) The enactments mentioned in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule, but subject to the provisions at the end of that Schedule.

(5) Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall have effect as respects payments to be made for the year 1972 and subsequent years, and section 2(1) of the Civil List Act 1952 (Queen's Civil List) shall not apply to such payments.

(6) Section 4(1) of this Act, and the repeal in section 13(1) of the Civil List Act 1952, shall have effect as from 1st April 1972.

SCHEDULE

Section 8

REPEALS

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
15 & 16 Geo. 6 and 1 Eliz. 2. c. 37.	The Civil List Act 1952.	Section 2(1). Section 9. In section 13, in the proviso to subsection (1) the words from "that in the said section five" to "and", and subsections (3) and (4). Schedules 1 and 2.

The repeal of section 2(1), section 9 and Schedule 1 shall not affect payments for the year 1971 or any earlier year.

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