



# Ministerial and other Maternity Allowances Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 5

### *Ministerial maternity allowances*

#### **2 Ministerial leave: amount and payment of allowance**

- (1) The allowance payable by virtue of section 1(1)—
  - (a) is an amount equivalent to 6 times the monthly amount of the salary which was being paid to the mother or expectant mother in respect of the first ministerial office, and
  - (b) is to be paid in 6 monthly instalments.

This is subject to subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) If no salary was being paid in respect of that office, no allowance is payable.
- (3) Where the mother or expectant mother ceases to hold the designated ministerial office at a time before the allowance has been paid in full, the amount of the allowance outstanding is to be paid as a lump sum.
- (4) But if the mother or expectant mother ceases to hold the designated ministerial office because they are appointed to another ministerial office or die—
  - (a) the allowance payable is reduced by a pro rata amount for each day of the 6-month period remaining, and
  - (b) any overpayment of the allowance may be recouped.
- (5) In subsection (4) the “6-month period” means the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the designation takes effect.
- (6) Payments under this section—
  - (a) are to be made out of money provided by Parliament if the salary being paid in respect of the first ministerial office was payable out of such money;
  - (b) are to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund if that salary was charged on and payable out of that Fund.