

DECREE-LAW NO. 23/2011  
of 8 June

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR ORGANS OF SOVEREIGNTY  
WHEN TRAVELING INSIDE THE COUNTRY

This Statute regulates allowances to be granted to the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and remaining members of Government in their trips inside the country. The Statute shall not apply to members of the National Parliament and the Courts for these organs of sovereignty have their own regime. The amount of the subsistence allowances has remained unchanged since the time of the United Nations Transitional Administration. Its up-dating is therefore justified, all the more because subsistence allowances for members of the National Parliament and the Courts, including for Public Administration staff, have already been up-dated.

Thus,

The Government, pursuant to subparagraph p) of article 115.1 of the Constitution of the Republic, enacts the following to have the force of law:

Article 1  
Purpose and Scope

1. This decree-law regulates the granting of subsistence allowance to the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the remaining members of Government.
2. This statute shall not apply to members of the Parliament and the judicial magistrates, who are governed by a specific regime.

Article 2  
Subsistence allowance when traveling inside the country

1. Where the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister or other member of Government has to travel, on duty, to another place within the country, he/she shall be entitled to receiving daily subsistence allowance in accordance with the table published in annex to this statute which is an integral part thereof.

2. Habitual place shall refer to the place where the holder or member of the organs of sovereignty routinely works, including other State facilities in the same place.
3. The subsistence allowance for travelling is intended to cover expenses with meals, accommodation and other accessory expenses.
4. Where the trip does not imply spending the night, the subsistence allowance shall be intended to cover expenses with meals and accessory expenses.
5. In trips for periods exceeding 14 consecutive days, the amount of the subsistence allowance shall be reduced to 50% as from the 15<sup>th</sup> day.

Article 3  
Subsidiary regime

The regime for Public Administration staff shall apply subsidiarily in all cases not provided for in this statute.

Article 4  
Revocation

Legislation contrary to this statute is hereby revoked,

Article 5  
Entry into force

This statute enters into force on the first day of the month immediately following its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on 4 May 2011.

The Prime Minister,

**Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão**

The Minister of Finance,

**Emília Pires**

Enacted on 26 / 5 / 11

For publication

The President of the Republic,

**José Ramos-Horta**

ANNEX

	Trip with overnight stay	Trip without overnight stay
President of the Republic	\$100,00	\$70,00
Prime Minister	\$90,00	\$60,00
Members of Government	\$80,00	\$50,00