

FOURTH
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

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MESSAGE No. 1.

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council,

I have the honour to refer to Resolution No. XXIV passed by the Legislative Council on 10th November, 1944, approving of the payment of war bonus to all pensioners of this Government wherever resident (including Widows' and Orphans' Fund Pensioners) whose pensions do not exceed \$720 per annum on the scale set out below, with effect from 1st January, 1944:-

15% on the first \$240 per annum
10% on the next \$240 per annum
5% on the next \$240 per annum

with a minimum bonus of \$3 per month; and provided that the bonus shall not apply to those pensioners who are re-employed by Government.

The question of providing a more adequate cost of living allowance embracing all pensions in place of the present war bonus paid has been carefully considered by Government and, with the advice of the Executive Council, it has been decided to invite the Legislative Council to approve of the payment of the following cost of living allowance to pensioners of this Government wherever resident (including Widows' and Orphans' Fund pensioners) with effect from 1st January, 1947:-

20% on pensions up to \$720 per annum

Flat rate of \$144 per annum on pensions exceeding \$720 per annum,

with a minimum cost of living allowance of \$48 per annum.

The above proposal is estimated to cost approximately \$77,000 per annum or an increase of \$35,000 on the voted provision for 1947.

I accordingly invite the Council to approve of effect being given to this proposal and to authorise the necessary supplementary provision for the current year.

C. C. WOOLLEY,

Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
British Guiana.
8th December, 1947.
(M.P. 140/47/1).