

Circular 22/57**Inter-Departmental Committee on the Accounting System**

A Dhuine Uasail,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that he has appointed an Inter-Departmental Committee to consider modifications of the present accounting system with the following terms of references:-

"To consider what changes - in particular in respect of the simplification of procedures and the elimination of detail - could be introduced in the preparation of accounts for submission to the Dáil, with a view to an approach to the Public Accounts Committee to secure their approval for the introduction of such changes".

2. The Committee is comprised as follows:-

Mr. J.A. Scannell (Chairman)	Assistant Secretary, Department of Posts and Telegraphs
Mr. E. F. Suttle	Secretary and Director of Audit, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General
Mr. C. J. Byrnes	Principal, Department of Finance
Mr. J. J. Manweiler	Accountant, Department of Finance
Mr. A. J. Conheady	Accountant, Department of Finance
Mr. S. Cotterell	Accountant, Department of Health

Mr. J. Ryan, Higher Executive Officer, Paymaster General's Office, has been appointed Secretary to the Committee.

3. It is the Minister's desire that your Department will afford the Committee all necessary facilities in connection with their investigations. The Committee will be glad to receive suggestions on any aspect of the subject matter of their inquiry and the Minister requests that this fact be brought to the notice of your staffs, through a Departmental Suggestions Scheme or in whatever other manner is considered appropriate. Any suggestions your Department has to offer should be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the Committee by the 31st December, 1957 or as soon as possible after that date.

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L.M. Fitzgerald
To/ All Departments, etc