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Circular 29/97 : Subsistence Allowances

A Dhuine Uasail

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that the standard rates of subsistence allowance in Ireland have been reviewed in accordance with an agreed recommendation made by the General Council under the scheme of conciliation and arbitration for the civil service (General Council Report 1317 refers). As a result, the Minister has agreed that the rates should be increased, with effect from 1 January 1997, to the amounts shown in the schedule overleaf.

2. In accordance with agreed recommendations of Departmental Councils, the subsistence allowances of certain Departmental grades should be revised to bring them into line with the new rates. Where there are no equivalent allowances overleaf, the subsistence allowances for the appropriate Departmental grades should be increased by the following percentages with effect from 1 January 1997:

Overnight stay	- 6.91%
Lunch (5-hour absence)	- 4.69%
Two meals (absence of 10 hours or more)	- 4.69%

3. Payment of the rates authorised in this circular will be subject to the regulations issued with Circular 11/82 and any other instructions in force from time to time.

4. In the light of present financial constraints, Heads of Departments should continue to ensure that only essential travel is undertaken and that the number of officers on any official journey is kept to the absolute minimum.

5. Any telephone enquiries about this circular from Departments should be made to 6767571, Extension 5426, GTN 7109-5426. Personal enquiries from individual officers should be addressed to the Personnel Unit of the employing Department/Office.

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To/All Departments etc.

SCHEDULE**Rates effective from 1 January 1997**

Class of Allowances	Night Allowances			Day Allowances	
	Normal Rate	Reduced Rate	Detention Rate	10 hours or more	5 hours but less than 10 hours
	£	£	£	£	£
A	71.74	66.14	35.87	20.74	8.46
B	64.47	55.15	32.24	20.74	8.46
C	53.92	44.61	26.99	20.74	8.46
D	46.65	39.36	23.32	15.66	7.74
E	38.21	31.68	19.08	15.66	7.74