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**Circular 33/2005: Revision of pay of certain civil servants**

A Dhuine Uasail

1. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to the Government decision to implement the increase recommended in Report No. 40 of the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector on a phased basis with one half of the increase being paid from 1 July 2005 and the balance being paid from 1 January 2006.

2. In accordance with that decision, I am to convey sanction for the application, with effect from 1 January 2006, of the revised scales set out in the Appendix to this circular to the grades shown.

**Departmental/Professional Grades**

3. I am also to convey sanction for the application, with effect from 1 January 2006, of corresponding increases to departmental or professional grades which are higher than those comprehended by the scheme of conciliation and arbitration for the civil service (i.e. grades whose normal scale maximum is not less than the normal maximum of the general service grade of Assistant Secretary) and whose pay has in the past, apart from general increases, been revised exclusively by reference to the increases applicable to the general service grades of Assistant Secretary, Deputy Secretary or Secretary (standard rate). Revised rates calculated on this basis should be sent to this Department for confirmation

### **Superannuation**

4. Officers who retire on or after 1 January 2006 will have their pensions revised, in the normal way and subject to the standard pensions increase policy as appropriate, by reference to the rates of pay applicable to serving staff as determined by this circular.

5. Officers in the grades to which this circular applies who retire on reaching the maximum retiring age limit during the period from 1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005 (both dates inclusive), but who could otherwise have been retained under the terms of this Department's Circular Letter 13/75 up to and including 1 January 2006, and who are alive on that date, may have their lump sum adjusted to take account of the pay rates applicable on that date. Deductions from lump sums in respect of non periodic contributions under the Spouses and Children's Pension Schemes should also be adjusted in these cases.

### **General**

6. Any difficulties which may arise from the application of this circular should be raised, by telephone in the first instance, with this Department (Tel. 6045409 or 6045410). Superannuation queries should be directed to Tel. 6045405.

### **Electronic Copies of Circular**

7. This circular is also available on the Department's web-site at <http://www.finance.gov.ie>.

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Ciarán Connolly  
Assistant Secretary

**Appendix to Circular 33/2005**

**Revised rates of salary for Secretary General (standard rate), Deputy Secretary and Assistant Secretary with effect from 1 January 2006**

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Secretary General (standard rate) (a)	186,818
Deputy Secretary	149,454
Assistant Secretary	110,312 – 115,648 – 120,987 – 126,325

- (a) Separate rates apply to some Secretary General posts as recommended in Report No. 38 of the Review Body.
- (b) The above salary rates were arrived at by increasing the salary applicable on 30 June 2005 by 7.5% (the full increase recommended in Report No. 40) and then applying the 1.5% increase paid on 1 December 2005 due under *Sustaining Progress*.