

# Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

## General Council Report 1304

(Meeting/s of 30 October 1996)

### Home Subsistence Rates

#### **Subsistence Rates**

1. In accordance with the agreement made in 1978 with the Staff Side at the General Council under the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, the rates of subsistence for travel within Ireland fall to be revised annually by reference to average accommodation and meal charges in an agreed list of hotels.
2. At the General Council meeting of 27 March 1996, the Staff Side formally claimed that the current home subsistence allowances should be revised in accordance with the 1978 agreement. The Travelling and Subsistence Subcommittee of the Council met on 24 July and 5 September, 1996. At the meeting of 5 September it was agreed to recommend increases in home subsistence allowances as from 1 January 1996, and to draw up a report to that effect.
3. At the General Council meeting of 30 October 1996, the report of the Subcommittee (attached) was before the Council. It was agreed to recommend that effect be given to the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of that report.
4. This report was adopted on 30 October 1996.

#### Revision of Home Subsistence Allowances

#### Report of the General Council Subcommittee on Travelling and Subsistence

1. The Subcommittee met on 24 July and 5 September 1996. The Official Side furnished the Staff Side with the Bord Failte Lunch Price Analysis. As Bord Failte were no longer producing the Hotel Guide the Official Side gave the Staff Side

information supplied by Bord Failte from the Gulliver Computer Reservation System. The information supplied on this basis differed from that supplied in previous years to the extent that the 1996 data provided maximum prices for the majority of the hotels on the agreed list rather than the minimum and maximum rates which had formed the basis for the previous year's calculation.

2. At the meeting of 24 July the Official Side suggested that the most appropriate way of deriving the 1996 rates would be to use the maximum prices provided by Bord Failte and compare these with the maximum prices provided for the same hotels in 1995. The percentage increase thus derived would then be applied to the 1995 B&B figure to get an average B&B figure for 1996. To this would be added the other elements of the rate (lunch, tea etc.) to derive the 1996 overnight rate.

3. At the request of the Staff Side a number of exercises were carried out to establish whether this approach was reasonable. At the meeting of 5 September the Staff Side agreed to proceed on the basis of set out at 2. above.

4. It was also agreed that the increase in the Day Rate would be based on the percentage increase in the 1996 lunch prices based on the Bord Failte Lunch Price Analysis, over the lunch price figure included in the 1995 overnight rate.

5. 9 hotels fell to be replaced. The following amendments to the agreed list of 90 hotels used in calculating the 1996 subsistence rates were agreed:

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Replacement Hotel Grade Deleted Grade Reason for  
(1995) Replacement

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Ashbourne House Hotel 2\* Dunhallow Lodge U Grade change  
(Cork) (Cork) from U to 3\*

Sunnybank Hotel 2\* Ormond Hotel 2\* Not registered  
(Dublin) (Dublin)

Metropole Hotel 1\* Springhill Hotel 2\* Grade change  
(Kilkenny) (Kilkenny) from 2\* to U

Atlantic Hotel 1\* Churchfield House 1\* No prices available  
(Mayo) (Mayo)

Imperial Hotel 1\* Durkans Hotel 1\* No prices available  
(Mayo) (Mayo)

An Doilin Hotel 1\* Travellers Friend 1\* Grade change  
(Galway) (Mayo) from 1\* to 3\*

Ocean View Hotel 3\* Bonne Chere 1\* Not registered

(Sligo) (Sligo)

Ormond Hotel 1\* Vee Valley 1\* Not registered  
(Tipperary) (Tipperary)

Lismore Hotel R Maryland House 1\* Not registered  
(Wexford) (Waterford)

6. It was agreed to recommend that the subsistence rates payable in respect of travel within Ireland with effect from 1 January 1996 should be as set out in the appendix to this report.

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Appendix

Rates of subsistence proposed for payment from 1 January 1996

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	67.10	61.86	33.55	19.81	8.08
B	60.30	51.58	30.15	19.81	8.08
C	50.43	41.72	25.24	19.81	8.08
D	43.63	36.81	21.81	14.96	7.39
E	35.74	29.63	17.85	14.96	7.39

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## Appendix

### Rates Effective from 1 January 1996

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