Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1339

(Meeting/s of 27 May 1998, 25 November 1998)

That the domestic subsistence rates be increased with effect from 1/1/98 on the basis of the agreed formula

<u>CIVIL SERVICE CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION</u> <u>SCHEME</u>

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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 May 1998, 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 6 November 1998. At the meeting it was agreed to recommend increases in home subsistence allowances as from 1 January 1998, and to draw up a report to that effect.

3. At the General Council meeting of 25 November 1998, 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 4 of that report.

4. This report was adopted on 25 November 1998.

<u>Revision of Home Subsistence Allowances</u> <u>Report of the General Council Subcommittee on Travelling and</u> <u>Subsistence</u>

1. The Subcommittee met on 6 November 1998. Prior to the meeting the Official Side had furnished the Staff Side with the Bord Failte Lunch Price Analysis and information supplied by Bord Failte from the Gulliver Computer Reservation System and subsequently the Bord Failte - Ireland Accommodation Guide 1998.

2. The methodology used for the purpose of calculating the increase in the overnight rate was the same as that used for the purpose of the 1996 and 1997 reviews.

3. 8 hotels fell to be replaced. The following amendments to the agreed list of 90 hotels used in calculating the 1997 subsistence rates were agreed:

Replacement Grade Deleted (1997) Grade Reason for Replacement

Ballykilty Manor Atlantic Hotel (Clare) 2 * (Clare) 2 * Grade Change

Arklow Court Hotel Woodenbridge Hotel (Wicklow) 2 * (Wicklow) 2 * Grade Change

New Ross Hotel Murphy Floods (Wexford) 2 * (Wexford) 2 * Grade Change

Ballyglass Country Hse Ormond House (Tipperary) 1 * (Tipperary) 1 * Grade Change

McDowells Hotel Imperial Hotel (Mayo) 2 * (Mayo) 2 * Did not re-register

Dooly's Hotel Phoneix Arms (Offaly) 3 * (Offaly) 2 * Did not re-register

Leen's Hotel (Limerick) and the Forte Travelodge (Cork) were ungraded in the current guide. It was decided to retain these Hotels for the purpose of the current revision subject to review in 1999.

4. It was agreed to recommend that the subsistence rates payable in respect of travel within Ireland with effect from 1 January 1999 should be set out in the schedule to this report.

<u>SCHEDULE</u>

Rates effective from 1 January 1998

Class of Allowances	Night Allowances			Day Allowances	
	Normal Rate	Reduced Rate	Detention Rate		5 hours but less than 10 hours
A - Rate	£	£	£	£	£
B - Rate	73.18	67.47	36.59	20.74	8.46
	65.76	56.25	32.89	20.74	8.46
C - Rate			07 50	20.74	0.40
D - Rate	55.00	45.51	27.53	20.74	8.46
	47.58	40.15	23.79	15.66	7.74
E - Rate	38.98	32.32	19.47	15.66	7.74

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