<u>Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme</u>

General Council Report 1392

(Meeting/s of 27 June 2001, 26 September 2001, 31 October 2001)

That the terms of Finance Circular 37/2000 be amended to provide that any 3 consecutive months may be taken as the period of leave for Term Time.

1. It was agreed that the commencement of the Carer's Leave Act on 2 July 2001 would address the concerns of the Staff Side.

Carer's Leave allows time off for the purpose of personally providing full-time care to someone who is assessed by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs as being in need of full-time care and attention.

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An employee is entitled to a maximum of 65 weeks in respect of any one relevant person. The 65-week entitlement may be taken as a continuous period, or in separate unit periods, the aggregate duration of which cannot exceed 65 weeks. [The minimum unit period is 13 weeks.]

The Department of Finance will issue a circular to Departments in the near future outlining the main provisions of the Carer's Leave Act.

- 2. This report records such agreement.
- 3. This report was adopted on 31 October 2001.

Recording Agreement.

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