

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1420

(Meeting/s of 29 January 2003)

That the Removal Expenses instructions be amended to provide for increases in Incidental Expenses and Lodging Allowances.

[1] The various rates payable under the Removals Circular are reviewed annually by reference to the Consumer Price Index (or elements of the CPI).

[2] The lodging allowance is increased if the CPI (all elements) increases by more than 5% for the year November to November. In the period November 2000 to November 2001, the increase was 3.8% and so no increase was due. Where the CPI has not been increased in one year because it was below 5%, then the CPI is added together for the preceding two years to arrive at the appropriate rate.

[3] For the two year period November 2000 to November 2002, the CPI has increased by 8.8% and therefore revised rates have been calculated (see Schedule in attached Appendix).

[4] Incidental and miscellaneous expenses are increased in line with the Durable Household Goods element of the CPI. The Durable Household Goods has increased by 0.4% from November 2000 to November 2002 (revised rates in Schedule in attached Appendix).

[5] The Staff Side agreed to the Official Side's proposed increases in certain Removal Expenses.

[6] It was agreed that the revised allowances would take effect from 1 December 2002.

Appendix to Agreed Report 1420.

Schedule.

Lodging Allowance:

In November 2000 the CPI was 113.3 and in November 2002 the CPI was 123.3, giving a percentage increase for the period of 8.8%.

Current Rates New Rates

Officers eligible for First 15 months € 93.63 €101.87

Class A or B rate Next 3 months € 46.83 € 50.95

Other Officers First 15 months € 74.11 € 80.63

Next 3 months € 37.05 € 40.31

Incidental / Miscellaneous Expenses:

Incidental and miscellaneous expenses are increased in line with the Durable Household Goods element of the CPI. The Durable Household Goods element was 101.3 at November 2000 and 101.7 at November 2002. This gives an increase of 0.4%.

Incidental Expenses Current Rate € 90.75

New Rate € 91.77

Miscellaneous Expenses (paragraph 16i)

The rates below include the 0.4% increase.

Category Officer with no Dependents
Officer with 1 or 2 Dependents
Officer with 3 or more Dependents

Officers entitled to Class A or B rates of Subsistence €367.04 €458.80 €550.54

Other Officers €275.30 €367.04 €458.80

Miscellaneous Expenses (paragraph 16ii)

Current rate: € 45.70

New rate: € 45.88

Agreed Report, recording agreement.

This report was adopted on 29 January 2003