

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1473

(Meeting/s of 29 March 2006, 28 June 2006)

That the Domestic Subsistence Rates be increased with effect from 1/7/2006

Background

1. The day subsistence rates are reviewed by reference to the movement from March to end March in the "eating out" element of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The overnight rates are reviewed by reference to a formula based on the price movements in an agreed list of 100 hotels.

Review of Domestic Subsistence rates for 2006

Review of Day Rates

2. For the period March 2005 to end March 2006, the "eating out" element of the CPI increased by 3.86%. Accordingly it was agreed that the rate of the day subsistence allowance will increase by the same percentage from 1 July 2006. The new day rates are set out in appendix I.

Review of Overnight Rates

3. Due to the difficulties of obtaining all of the required information it was agreed that for 2006 only, the overnight rates would be reviewed on the basis of the existing formula by reference to the cost information on the 92 of the relevant 100 hotels for which there is sufficient information. This gives an increase of 3.68% in the Class B overnight subsistence rate from 1 July 2006. The Class A rate will increase by 1.47% (40% of the B rate) from the same date.

4. It was also agreed that that the Official and Staff Sides would continue discussions with a view to determining an appropriate alternative method for future reviews of the overnight rates. It is intended that an alternative method will be agreed in time for the review in 2007.

5. The revised day and night subsistence rates are set out in Appendix I and are effective from 1 July 2006.

6. This report was adopted on 28 June 2006.

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Appendix I for Agreed Report 1473

Domestic Subsistence rates from 1st July 2006				
Overnight rates				
Day Rates				
Class of Allowances	Normal Rate	Reduced Rate	Detention Rate	10 hours or more than 5 hours but less than 10 hours
A Class	€140.44	€129.48	€70.21	€41.55 €16.95
B Class	€132.18	€113.05	€66.12	€41.55 €16.95

Agreed report, recording agreement

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