

Circular 22/63

Services rendered by Department of Posts and Telegraphs

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I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that, as part of the policy of extending the commercial freedom of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, he has agreed that, with effect from 1st April, 1964, payments in cash should be made for all services rendered.

- a) by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for other Departments and Offices (as is already the procedure for telephone and telegraph services) and
- b) by Departments and Offices for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Arising from this arrangement the Standing Instructions to Accounting Officers on the preparation of Estimates should be amended as follows:-

Instruction No. 18 Travelling and Incidental Expenses

(as set out in paragraph 4 of Circular 13/60).
Line 2. Delete "telegrams, telephones, postage".

New Instruction: Post Office Services

Provision should be made in a separate subhead entitled "Post Office Services" for payment to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in respect of all services to be rendered by that Department. Such services should be itemised in appropriate detail in Part 111 of the Estimate. Provision should also be made in an Appropriation in Aid subhead for receipts (other than fee stamps) in respect of services to be rendered by a Department or Office to the Department of Posts & Telegraph.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs will communicate direct with Departments (and Offices) regarding the provision to be made in the appropriate Estimates for 1964/65 in respect of services rendered by or to that Department.

Mise, le meas,

Seán F. Murray

To/All Accounting Officers.