DPS Circular Letter 6 /75

Insurance of Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Ceann Comhairle, Leas-Ceann Comhairle, Attorney General, and Deputies and Senators travelling abroad

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1. I am directed by the Minister for the Public Service to say that Confidential Circular 3/73 is hereby cancelled and that the following revised arrangements will apply with effect from the date of this Circular Letter.

2. A member of the Government, Parliamentary Secretary, Ceann Comhairle Leas-Ceann Comhairle or (provided he holds a qualifying office under section 13 of the Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act, 1938, as amended) Attorney General who travels abroad as a representative of the State, the Oireachtas, the Government, or on departmental business, may be recouped the cost of insurance he effects in respect of such a visit (covering death or the loss of a limb or eye with appropriate benefits in the event of total or partial disablement and with cover for medical and surgical expenses) up to a maximum cover of
   (1) £250000 or-
   (2) if greater, four and one half times the total of the annual sum payable to him by way of salary under section 3, 4 or 5, as appropriate, of the Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act, 1938, as amended, plus the annual rate of any allowance payable to him under section 3 of the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) Act, 1938, as amended.

3. Any other Deputy or Senator who travels abroad in the circumstances referred to above may also be recouped the cost of insurance on the above basis which he effects in respect of the visit, up to a maximum cover of
   (1) £259000 or
   (2) if greater, four and one half times the annual rate of allowance payable to him under section 3 of the Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) Act, 1938, as amended.

4. The expenditure involved in recouping the cost of the insurance may be charged by Departments to the appropriate travelling subhead.

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