Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1259

(Meeting/s of 29 September 1993, 24 November 1993)

Claim that no CPSU member should be obliged to move more than once within five years as a result of the Decentralisation programme.

1. The Staff Side said the claim referred to officers who had to move compulsorily between Departments within Dublin. Since such officers would normally be very junior in their grade, it was very possible that, if the new Department also had to take in volunteers for decentralisation, the same officers could well be asked to move again.

2. The Official Side said they were prepared to agree that officers compulsorily transferred in the circumstances outlined, could be exempted from a further compulsory transfer, arising from the decentralisation programme within 5 years, provided the Staff Side accepted that in that event, the next most junior officer in the grade would have to be compulsorily transferred instead. The Staff Side accepted this condition, and the Official Side said that, once the report was agreed they would notify Departments accordingly.

3. This report was adopted on 22 December 1993.