

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1263

(Meeting/s of 30 June 1993, 29 September 1993)

Claim that staff representatives be provided with notification in advance of any announcement concerning the decentralisation of any office.

1. The Staff Side submitted a claim that it was unacceptable that significant extensions to the decentralisation programme should be announced without prior consultation with the staff interests, or that their first indication of the same should come via the media.
2. The Official Side pointed out that decisions as to where public service functions should be located and the timing of announcements thereon were matters for Government. However, the Official Side fully accepted the desirability of informing staff interests of such decisions at the earliest possible stage, and would use their best endeavours to ensure that staff interests are informed of developments as soon as possible. They would also ensure that there would be full consultation with the Staff Side, on matters affecting the interests of their members well in advance of actual relocations.
3. This report was adopted on 9 February 1994.

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