

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1272

(Meeting/s of 27 April 1994, 29 June 1994)

Claim that the Domestic Subsistence Rates be increased with effect from 1st January 1994 on the basis of the agreed formula.

Subsistence Rates

1. In accordance with the agreement made in 1978 with the Staff Side at the General Council under the conciliation and arbitration scheme, the rates of subsistence for travel within Ireland fall to be revised annually by reference to average accommodation and meal charges in an agreed list of hotels.

2. At the General Council meeting of 27 April 1994, the Staff Side formally claimed that the current home subsistence allowances should be revised in accordance with the 1978 agreement. The Travelling and Subsistence Subcommittee of the Council met on 9 May, 26 May, 7 June and 10 June 1994. At the meeting of 10 June 1994, it was agreed to recommend increases in home subsistence allowances as from 1 January 1994, and to draw up a report to that effect.

3. At the General Council meeting of 29 June 1994, the report of the Subcommittee (attached) was before the Council. It was agreed to recommend that effect be given to the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of that report.

4. This report was adopted on 30 June 1994.

Revision of Home Subsistence Allowances

Report of the General Council Subcommittee on Travelling and Subsistence

1. The Subcommittee met on 9 May, 26 May, 7 June and 10 June 1994. The Official Side furnished the Staff Side with information on the cost of meals for hotels included in the agreed list, together with a list of the 6 hotels on the 1993 list which had been omitted from the 1994 Bord Failte Guide, and so were due for replacement and 2 hotels on the 1993 list which were no longer graded. The information on meal costs was obtained on the basis of the

average cost of meals as set out in confidential information furnished by Bord Failte.

2. At the meeting held on 9 May 1994, the Staff Side commented on the changes in the

Bord Failte Guide and specifically to the replacement of a grading system by a new star classification system. There was no obvious similarity between the two systems. The Official Side said that different criteria had been used for the new classification system. The new system was based on the presence or absence of facilities subject to the premises and services provided being of an acceptable quality. The Staff Side said they

were willing to accept that hotels on the 1993 list would not need to be replaced where they had changed by one classification up or down from their original grade. The Staff Side also stated that replacement hotels could be found within similar boundaries.

3. Regarding the two hotels which were no longer graded in the 1994 guide i.e.

Greenhills, Limerick and Sand House, Donegal, the Staff Side said at the meeting held on 26 May 1994 that these two hotels could be maintained on the 1994 list. This was subject to their original grade being borne in mind when considering their inclusion in the 1995 review.

4. The Official Side agreed to these proposals. Accordingly, in addition to the 6

hotels on the 1993 list which required to be replaced because they were no longer included in the 1994 Bord Failte Guide, one other hotel required replacement (the White Horse, Cavan) as it had been downgraded by more than one classification.

5. At the meetings of 7 June and 10 June, the following amendments to the agreed list of 90 hotels to be used in calculating the 1994 home subsistence rates were agreed:

Replacement Hotel Grade Deleted Grade Reason for
(1993) amendment

Fitzgerald's 2* Central B Not listed 1994
(Donegal) (Donegal)

West Park 2* Cork Airport B Not listed 1994
(Cork) (Cork)

Ardagh 3* Clifden Bay B* Not listed 1994
(Galway) (Galway)

Lighthouse 1* Meadowlands C Not listed 1994
(Kerry) (Kerry)

Don Arms 1* Lough Gara C Not listed 1994
(Roscommon) (Roscommon)

Paddock 1* Newpark B Not listed 1994
(Westmeath) (Westmeath)

Bailie 2* White Horse B* Downgraded from
(Cavan) (Cavan) B* to 1*

6. Following further discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the subsistence rates payable in respect of travel within Ireland with effect from 1 January 1994 should be as set out in the Appendix to this report.

APPENDIX

Rates of subsistence proposed for payment from 1 January 1994

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+	Class of Night Allowances Day Allowances					+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Allowances						
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+	Normal Reduced Detention 10 hours 5 hours but					
Rate Rate Rate or more less than 10						
hours						
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+	£ £ £ £ £					+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
	A	63.35	58.41	31.68	19.09	7.79
	B	56.93	48.70	28.47	19.09	7.79
	C	47.61	39.39	23.83	19.09	7.79
	D	41.19	34.75	20.59	14.41	7.12
	E	33.74	27.98	16.86	14.41	7.12
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