

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1284

(Meeting/s of 22 February 1995, 23 June 1995)

Claim that the domestic subsistence rates be increased with effect from 1 January 1995 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 22 February 1995, 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 16 March, 25 April, 16 May and 26 May 1995. At the meeting of 26 May 1995, it was agreed to recommend increases in home subsistence allowances as from 1 January 1995, and to draw up a report to that effect.
3. At the General Council meeting of June 1995, 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 23/06/95.

Report of the General Council Subcommittee on Travelling and Subsistence

1. The Subcommittee met on 16 March, 25 April, 16 May and 26 May 1995. The Official Side furnished the Staff Side with information on the cost of meals for hotels included in the agreed list as set out in the Lunch Price Analysis furnished by Bord Failte.
2. The Official Side drew it to the Staff Side's attention that as the Lunch Price Analysis was available in 1995 it was possible to return to the original basis for calculating the Lunch Price and the Day Rates under the terms of the agreed formula. This had not been possible in 1993 and 1994 when no Lunch Price Analysis was available. For those years the lunch price used for the purpose of calculating the overnight rate and the increase in the Day Rates had been derived on the basis of the average percentage increase in lunch prices in all hotels.
3. The Official Side provided the Staff Side with a list of 9 hotels on the 1994 list which had been regraded or omitted from the 1995 Bord Failte Guide. After discussion it was agreed to retain 3 hotels on the list - the Duhallow Lodge, Cork, on the understanding that its inclusion on the list would be re-examined next year; the Sand House, Donegal, which was unclassified in 1994 and is now reclassified as a 4* hotel and the Alexandra House, Limerick, which has been reclassified from 2* to 3*.
4. The following amendments to the agreed list of 90 hotels were agreed:

Replacement Hotel Grade Deleted Grade Reason for

(1994) amendment

Fort Travelodge 2* Moores 2* Not listed 1995
(Cork) (Cork)

Kilbracken Arms 1* Don Arms 1* Not listed 1995
(Roscommon) (Roscommon)

Commercial & Tourist 2* County 2* Not listed 1995
(Leitrim) (Leitrim)

Bonne Chere 1* Clarence 1* Upgraded from
(Sligo) (Sligo) 1* to 2*

Atlantic 1* Castle Arms 1* Upgraded from
(Sligo) (Sligo) 1* to 2*

Ormond 2* Clarence 2* Changed grade
(Dublin) (Dublin) from 2* to N

5. Following further discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the

subsistence rates
payable in respect of travel within Ireland with effect from 1 January 1995
should be as set out in the Appendix to this report.

APPENDIX

Rates of subsistence proposed for payment from 1 January 1995

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Class of	Night Allowances		Day Allowances		
Allowances					
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+		+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+		
Normal	Reduced	Detention	10 hours	5 hours but	
Rate	Rate	Rate	or more	less than 10	
			hours		
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£ £ £ £ £					
A	64.64	59.60	32.33	19.09	7.79
B	58.09	49.69	29.05	19.09	7.79
C	48.58	40.19	24.32	19.09	7.79
D	42.03	35.46	21.01	14.41	7.12
E	34.43	28.55	17.20	14.41	7.12
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This report was adopted on 23 June 1995