Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1407

(Meeting/s of 26 June 2002)

The F.U.G.E. seek an increase in the Footware Allowance.

1. This is a claim by the Staff Side on behalf of the Service Office grade seeking an increase in the footwear allowance. This allowance is conditional on the Service Officer wearing the agreed uniform. This allowance has not been revised for a number of years and is currently €50.79 (IR£40.00) per annum.

2. It was proposed, in previous discussions with the Staff Side that this allowance would be increased in line with the clothing and footwear element of the CPI. The Staff Side did not accept this and wanted it linked to the allowance paid to the Watcher grade in Revenue. The Official Side ruled this out because the duties of the two grades are not the same.

3. The Staff Side sought an increase of 100% in the rate to €101.58. The Official Side indicated that there was no basis for such an increase as the footwear subindex of the CPI had not shown any increase since the allowance was last increased.

4. After further discussions on different occasions the Official Side made an offer to increase the allowance to €65.00 as it was felt an increase was merited.

5. The Staff Side accepted this offer.

6. This agreed report was adopted on 26 June 2002.

Agreed Report

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