

Civil Service Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme

General Council Report 1414

(Meeting/s of 29 November 2000, 27 November 2002)

Claim for a review of the criteria used in the calculation of the Office Accommodation Allowance

Office Accommodation Allowance

1. A claim on behalf of the Staff Side for a revision of the office accommodation allowances was presented to the General Council Meeting held on 29 November 2000, and was referred to the Travel and Subsistence sub-committee for consideration.
2. Prior to this review, this allowance was normally revised in line with the increases in the housing element of the Consumer Price Index. Following meetings and discussions, it was agreed that the allowance would be reviewed based on the annual Irish Auctioneers and Valuers Institute's (IAVI) Annual Property Survey which sets out rental charges on a national basis. As the office allowance is claimed in rural areas office rents in Dublin were excluded.
3. There are two rates of allowances, one based on a single officer room and the second on a two officer room.
4. On the basis of the foregoing, the subcommittee agreed to recommend that the both rates of the office allowance payable with effect from 1 January 2003 should be those set out in the schedule below.
5. This report was adopted on 27 November 2002.

Schedule

Proposed Office Accommodation Allowances effective from 1 January 2003

Allowances per week	Low Rate	High Rate
	€15.18	€23.72

Agreed report.

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