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**20/05/1987 LP:- Children's Allowances**

Dear Personnel Officer

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to the instructions for the payment of Children's Allowances contained in Circular 25/79 and to say that certain anomalies have come to light whereby officers who were entitled to these allowances lost them because of the manner in which they changed grade.

The Minister has decided that, as an exceptional arrangement, officers who were entitled to Children's Allowances and who changed grade by open competition after 31 December 1978 should continue to be entitled to these allowances on a personal basis where their posts would normally have fallen to be filled by:

- (1) internal promotion in the customary course; or
- (2) interdepartmental competition; or
- (3) competition through the Top Level Appointments Committee

and where the grade concerned has a salary scale which immediately prior to 1 July 1977 was differentiated on a marriage basis.

Where the salary scale was not so differentiated officers holding Children's Allowances may be allowed reckon the allowances as part of their pay for starting pay on promotion purposes.

Yours sincerely

Michael McGinley  
Principal

To/All Personnel Officers