Changes in Domestic Subsistence Rate Structure

Dear Personnel Officer

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that he has accepted an agreed recommendation made by the General Council under the scheme of conciliation and arbitration for the Civil Service in regard to a general review of the domestic subsistence rate structure for civil servants.

The new arrangements involve a simplified domestic subsistence allowance structure with the number of subsistence classes being reduced from five at present to three. This reduction in the number of classes is being achieved by the elimination of the present classes D and E. The new structure will operate on the basis that any officer who would have been eligible to claim subsistence under the old classes D and E shall now be eligible to claim under class C.

The change in the subsistence structure is effective from 1 January 2003.

Yours sincerely

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