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REPEAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION No. 66 —PAYMENT FOR SUNDAY WORK—AND SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR OF A NEW REGULATION.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 80 of the *Public Service Act* 1902, has approved of the repeal of Regulation No. 66, and of the substitution therefor of a new Regulation, as set forth in the accompanying schedule; such new Regulation to take effect on and from the 1st January, 1904.

GEORGE TURNER,
For Minister of State for Home Affairs.

PAYMENT FOR SUNDAY WORK.

66. "Where an officer, having already worked six days during the week, is necessarily required in addition thereto to attend on a Sunday for a whole day, the Permanent Head or Chief Officer may authorize the grant of one and a half day's pay, or if employed for less than a whole day a sum proportionate to the time so employed. No allowance shall be paid for Sunday duty where an officer is in residence and where his attendance is intermittent and for brief periods.

No officer or employé in the Public Service shall be liable to dismissal or punishment or other disability for refusing on conscientious grounds to work on Sunday if he has previously notified the Chief Officer that he has conscientious scruples against so working; but he shall not refuse when called upon by his immediate superior to perform Sunday duty in cases of necessity. If it should subsequently be found that an officer has improperly made use of this Regulation to avoid the performance of his duties, his conduct shall be regarded as a breach of Regulations under the Act."

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

REPEAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION No. 149—TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES—AND SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR OF A NEW REGULATION.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 80 of the *Public Service Act* 1902, has been pleased to approve of the repeal of Public Service Regulation 149, made on the 15th December, 1902, and amended C.12816.

by Executive Minute, dated 17th April, 1903, and the substitution therefor of a new Regulation, as set forth in the accompanying Schedule; such new Regulation to take effect on and from the 1st January, 1904.

GEORGE TURNER,
For Minister of State for Home Affairs.

PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION No. 149.

149. "The following shall be the scale of travelling allowances:—

Division.	Salary.		Daily Allowance.	Daily Allowance after 1 week's residence in same place.	Hourly Rate.
	From	To			
Officers of the Administrative Division	£ ..	£ ..	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 15 0	1-24th of daily rate for each hour when officer is absent for more than one-fourth of a day.
Officers of other Divisions	Over £600		17 6	15 0	
Clerical and Professional Divisions	501	600	14 0	12 0	
	301	500	12 0	10 0	
	300 and under		10 0	8 6	
General Division	Over 300		12 0	10 0	
	201	300	10 0	8 6	
	111	200	8 0	6 0	
	110 and under		7 0	5 0	

Provided, however, that the travelling allowances payable to officers of the Public Service stationed in Western Australia shall be at the following rates:—

Officers receiving £500 a year and upwards	15s.	per diem.
Officers receiving £300 a year and under £500 a year	12s. 6d.	"
Officers receiving £200 a year and under £300 a year	10s.	"
Officers receiving less than £200 a year	8s.	"

with an additional allowance of 25 per cent, on these rates when an officer is travelling in the gold-fields districts, and a deduction of 25 per cent. when an officer is stationed for any period in excess of ten days in any one place.

Provided, further, that the minimum travelling allowance to officers acting as Members of Boards of Inquiry and Appeal shall be at the rate of 12s. per diem, excepting in the cases of such officers travelling in Western Australia, where the minimum allowance shall be at the rate of 12s. 6d. per diem."

Ex. Min. 559. Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department,
18th December, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve that, in exercise of the powers conferred by the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*, the undermentioned Regulations and amendment of Regulation be made.

P. O. FYSH,
Postmaster-General.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF SUBSCRIBERS' TELEPHONES BY THE PUBLIC ON THE TICKET SYSTEM.

1. These regulations shall take effect on the 14th day of January, 1904.

2. Any subscriber to a telephone exchange who pays a subscription at the business rate may apply to the Deputy Postmaster-General for permission to place his telephone at the service of the public.

3. The Deputy Postmaster-General may, if he thinks fit, grant the permission applied for, and thereupon the telephone shall be available for public use, subject to these regulations.

4. The subscriber shall, if the permission is granted, exhibit a plain and legible notice in a prominent position on his premises indicating that the telephone is available for public use.

5. A charge of threepence (3d.) for each conversation of three minutes or part of three minutes shall be made and shall be paid by ticket as herein provided.

6. Tickets for the payment of conversation charges shall be issued by the Postmaster-General's Department and sold at the price of threepence each. Books containing twelve tickets each may be purchased on application at the General Post Office.

7. Any person who desires to use the telephone shall place a ticket in a locked box, to be provided and kept by the subscriber, but opened and cleared only by an officer of the Postmaster-General's Department, and may then use the telephone.

8. An additional ticket must be placed in the box for each three minutes or part of three minutes by which the conversations exceed the first three minutes.

9. The subscriber shall be entitled to receive one penny from the Postmaster-General for each ticket removed from the box by the officer who opens it.

10. Nothing in these regulations shall affect the use of the telephone by the subscriber, his family, or employes in his business.

ADDITION TO REGULATION UNDER HEADING "REPLIES MAY BE PREPAID."

(On Page 257 of *Gazette* copy.)

A telegram containing in the text thereof the words "reply paid" or the indication "R.P." (either of which must be paid for by the sender as part of the message) shall not be accepted for transmission unless an amount in prepayment of the desired reply has actually been lodged by the sender of such telegram.

MONEY ORDERS.

The following regulation shall be substituted for Regulation 21 under the head "Money Orders" of the Regulations made under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*, and published in the *Gazette* on the 5th June, 1902 :—

21. If payment of an order, whether issued in the Commonwealth or elsewhere, be not obtained before the end of the twelfth calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in January, and not paid before the end of the following January) all claim to the money will be lost. Nevertheless, when a good reason can be given for delay in presenting the order, an application for payment, subject to a deduction at the rate of 6d. for every £5 or fraction thereof, will be considered.

This regulation shall take effect from the fourteenth day of January, 1904.