

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THEHON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bonus To Postal Staff In Connection With The  
Distribution Of The 1964 Referendum Literature

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A bonus has so far always been paid to the Postal staff for work entailed in the distribution of election and referendum literature, irrespective and in addition to extra remuneration paid for overtime work. Up to 1945, the Postal staff received an election bonus equivalent to that paid to the Police, and afterwards as follows:-

<u>Election</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Posts</u>
1947	14 days' pay	7 days' pay
1950	21 " "	21 " "
1951	15 " "	15 " "
1953	15 " "	7 " "
1955	(flat rate) £10. 10. 0	£7. 0. 0
* 1956	" " £8. 15. 0	£5. 15. 0
1962	18 days' pay	7 days' pay

2. Payment of a bonus to Postal staff in connection with the 1964 Referendum has not so far been authorised. The matter of the payment of a bonus was raised in Parliament by the Hon. Dr P. Holland, M.P.

3. Referendum literature distributed through the Post Office was this time very limited and was dealt with by the Post Office in the four days between the 27th and 30th April, 1964. The Post Office employees were paid overtime when the work entailed in the sorting and distribution of literature required attendance beyond normal office hours.

\* Referendum

4. In the 1956 Integration Referendum, propaganda literature dealt with by the Post Office was also very limited as only the Catholic Action groups posted Referendum literature. The Postal staff received, however, a flat bonus of £5. 15. 0 in addition to any overtime which they had received.

5. It is for consideration whether the Postal staff should receive a bonus for the work performed in connection with the 1964 Referendum. As already stated, the distribution of election literature was dealt with in four days. A remuneration equivalent to four days' pay would amount to £1,270. If the remuneration is limited to three days' pay the amount would be £950.

29th December, 1964.

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