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## State Intelligence

### CROWN OFFICE

Crown Office, House of Lords S.W.1.  
6th September 1966.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 6th day of September 1966, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Sir John Carter, Q.C., of Guyana. [Her Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 11th day of June 1966.]

6th September 1966.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 6th day of September 1966, to appoint Henry Albert Skinner, Esquire, Q.C., to be Recorder of the City of Leicester.

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Storey's Gate, London S.W.1.

#### PRICES AND INCOMES ACT, 1966

*Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes*

*Pay of Ancillary Workers in the National Health Service*

The current three year pay agreement for about 250,000 workers covered by the Ancillary Staffs Whitley Council for the Health Services expires at the end of October 1966. The last pay increase was of 7s. a week from November 1965, and in addition a reduction in the normal working week from 42 to 40 hours without loss of pay took effect from February 1966.

2. A claim for a 22s. a week increase has recently been submitted on behalf of these workers. It is understood that a smaller basic increase would be acceptable if a structural review, giving a further element of betterment, were undertaken, and that a larger increase would be required if efficiency and productivity measures were to be negotiated.

3. The pay of ancillary workers in the National Health Service has in the past been closely related to that of manual workers employed by local authorities, as well as that of manual workers in the electricity, gas and water supply industries.

4. In view of these relationships and of the importance of these services in the national economy, the fact that the question of the productivity agreements for manual workers in the electricity supply industry, introduced in 1964-65, have been referred for exami-

nation by the National Board for Prices and Incomes as part of a general examination of productivity agreements, and the difficulty of assessing productivity in non-trading services, the Government consider it desirable that the National Board for Prices and Incomes should examine the pay and conditions of service of ancillary workers in the National Health Service, and the principles for determining these, concurrently with the examination of the other groups mentioned.

5. Accordingly, in pursuance of their powers under section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Health hereby refer to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the question of the pay and conditions of service, and the principles for determining these, of ancillary workers in the National Health Service.

6th September 1966.

*Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes*

*Pay of Manual Workers in the Gas Industry*

Agreement has recently been reached for an increase of 3½d. an hour for 75,000 manual workers in the gas supply industry, from the 3rd July 1966. The last increase was of 4d. an hour effective from June 1965, and in addition, a reduction in the normal working week from 42 to 40 hours without loss of pay took effect from September 1965.

2. The pay of manual workers in the gas industry has in the past been closely related to that of manual workers employed in the electricity and water supply industries, but has fallen somewhat behind that of electricity workers following the introduction of the phased "staff status" scheme for the latter in 1964-65.

3. In view of these relationships and the importance of each of these industries in the national economy, and the fact that the question of the "staff status" agreement in the electricity supply industry has been referred for examination by the National Board for Prices and Incomes as part of a general examination of productivity agreements, the Government consider it desirable that the National Board for Prices and Incomes should examine the pay and conditions of service of manual workers in the gas supply industry, and the principles for determining these, concurrently with the examination of the other groups mentioned.

4. Accordingly, in pursuance of their powers under section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State and the Minister of Power hereby refer to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the question of the pay and conditions of service, and the principles for determining these, of manual workers in the gas industry.

6th September 1966.