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Central Statistics Office

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12th October 2012

Mr. Ted Mc Enery,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Lenister House,
Dublin 2.

Dear Ted,

I refer to your letter dated 21st September 2012, and enclose information as requested. Please note that during 2011 the CSO paid a number of allowances associated with the unique nature of the fieldwork data collection for the Census of Population 2011. These allowances have not been returned as they are not in payment and do not arise again unless required when planning for the effective collection of Census of Population 2016.

The overall cost of the listed allowances for 2011 was €346,847.64, of which €65,000 can be attributed to delegate's allowance (which has now been abolished with effect from 19th September 2012). The overall cost of higher duties allowance in 2011 was €104,000 of which €74,000 can be attributed to the Census of Population 2011 project.

A number of allowances will not be paid in respect of future assignments, continued payment to existing staff will also be reviewed over the next four months.

The majority of expenditure on allowances relates to the collection of survey data, primarily in QNHS and EU SILC surveys and tourist information at airports.

Yours sincerely,

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Title of Allowance	Number of Recipients 2011	Number of Current Recipients	Cost of Allowance 2011	Range of Payments made in respect of this Allowance P.A.	Date Payment of the Allowance Commenced	When rate of Allowance last Changed	Paid to New Recruits in respect of new Appointments	Paid in respect of new Appointments
Service Attendant Extra Duties Allowance	7	6	€16,797.58	€2367.56 - €2491.84	06/07/1994	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes
Passenger Card Inquiry Allowance	6	5	€3,629.92	€505-€656.24	30/07/1965	01/01/2010	No	No
Pricing Liaison Officer Allowance	1	0(vacancy)	€1,722.24	€1,722.24	Nov-82	01/10/2010	Yes	Yes
Mobile Phone Allowance CPI	1	0 (vacancy)	€152.40	€152.40	27/10/2000	No change	Yes	Yes
Uniform Allowance	3	3	€1,350.00	€450.00	11/11/2003	No change	Yes	Yes
Annual Flexibility Allowance	15 (4 paid in April 2012 at end of contracts)	11	€42,461.00	€964.04 -€3630.17 (Retirement payments included)	01/04/1998	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes
Bus Allowance	6	5	€4,971.40	€642.00 - €948.80	25/09/1963	Jan-12	No	No
Travel Allowance	2	1	€1,121.40	€485.10 - €636.30	25/09/1963	Mar-09	No	No

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Childrens Allowance	14	10	€2,869.54	€21.30 -€337.74	Central Allowance - Circular 25/1979	01/01/2010	No	No	No
Delegates Allowance	71	26	€65,819.24	€218.89 -€7,774.55 (includes arrears from previous years)	Central Allowance - Circular 04/1979	01/01/2010	Abolished with effect from 19/09/2012		
Higher Duties Allowance	37	7	€104,156.39	€74.84 (includes arrears for previous years) - €10,354.19 (includes arrears of €1579.70)	Central Allowance- Circular 29/1980	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shift Allowance	9	9	€57,232.44	€4936.62-€7,588.92	01/01/1982	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supervisory Service Officer Allowance	1	1	€3,175.64	€3,175.64	11/02/1998	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Keyholder Allowance	12	11	€21,367.75	€1605.15 -€1854.84	01/12/1990	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Footwear Allowance	19	18	€1,173.25	€61.75	Oct-90	01/01/2010	Yes	Yes	
*1% PCW Allowance - Directors - Please note the 1% PCW Directors Allowance is part of the PCW local bargaining agreement, which refers to Higher Scales rather than an allowance.	2 (one allowance divided evenly between two)	Allowance from 1st July 2012 has not yet been allocated	€5,322.68 (includes arrears for period 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011)	€2,661.34	01/07/1999	Annually	Yes	Yes	
ESB Allowance	141	121	€9,682.57	€1.50 - €90.00	Apr-03	Nov-06	Yes	Yes	
Cleaning Tokens for Uniforms	7	7	€817.20	€81.72- €163.44	01/07/1991	In 2012 as a result of no longer being able to purchase cleaning tokens, the service officers are entitled to six cleanings per year for uniform trousers. They must produce a receipt for same stating that the item being cleaned is 'uniform trousers'	Yes	Yes	
Cleaning Tokens for Uniforms/Tourist Enumerators	9	9	€392	€8 per item for 6 items of clothing per annum	01/04/2002	In 2012 as a result of no longer being able to purchase cleaning tokens, the service officers are entitled to six cleanings per year for uniform trousers. They must produce a receipt for same stating that the item being cleaned is 'uniform trousers'	Yes	Yes	
PIAAC Office Accomodation Allowance	4	0	N/A	€593.81	Jun-11	N/A	Yes	Yes	

Mobile phone Tourist Enumerators	15	11	€2,633	€10 calls allowance per month + €63.50 upgrade allowance bi- annually	Mar-11	No change	Yes	Yes
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