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SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS TO AMEND SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT REGULATIONS ON BOARD AND LODGING PAYMENTS

The Social Security Advisory Committee gives notice that it has been asked by the Secretary of State for Social Services under Section 10 of the Social Security Act 1980 to consider and report on proposals to amend supplementary benefit regulations on board and lodging payments.

These regulations apply to Great Britain only. Corresponding provision for Northern Ireland will be made in regulations made by the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland regulations will not require separate submission to the Social Security Advisory Committee by virtue of paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Act 1980 (1980 c.30).

A short explanatory note provided by the Department of Health and Social Security on these regulations is appended to this notice. The Committee will take into account any comments or objections made by or on behalf of people or organizations who would be affected by the regulations received by them not later than 28th December, 1984. Comments or objections should be sent to Miss G. Moore, the Secretary, Social Security Advisory Committee, Room 458, New Court, Carey Street, London, WC2A 2LS. Copies of the draft of these regulations can be obtained on request to Mr. M. P. O'Leary, the Assistant Secretary of the Committee (01-831 6111 Ext. 2636, address as for the Secretary).

Jill Moore, Secretary.

29th November, 1984.

Explanatory Note

A series of measures are proposed to control supplementary benefit expenditure on board and lodging:

- (i) Ministers, rather than the adjudicating authorities, will set the maximum amounts payable; for ordinary boarders there will be one limit for Greater London and one for the rest of the country;
- (ii) there will be restrictions on the period for which unemployed people without dependants can claim

as boarders outside their home area and on the eligibility as boarders of 16-17 year olds;

- (iii) there will be a new structure of national limits for claimants in residential care and nursing homes, reflecting varying costs of care; there will be a new rate of personal expenses for such claimants, and attendance allowance will be taken into account in assessing their ability to meet their fees.

Existing beneficiaries will receive transitional protection.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

DRAINAGE DIVISION

Strand Lough Drainage Scheme

The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland hereby gives notice in pursuance of Articles 12(1)(b) and 12(2) of the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 that a Scheme has been prepared for the improvement of drainage in Downpatrick/Killough, Co. Down.

The Scheme involves the construction of a tidal barrier to the South of Killough Bridge together with improvement of 10.8 km of drains flowing into the Strand Lough.

A copy of the Scheme may be inspected free of charge by any person during the period 10th December, 1984, to 7th January, 1985, inclusive between 0930 hours and 1630 hours, Monday to Friday at the following offices:

Down District Council Offices, 24 Strangford Road, Downpatrick.

Down District Development Office, 24 Strangford Road, Downpatrick.

Department of Agriculture, Area Drainage Office, 157 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

Any person who considers that his interests will be prejudicially affected by the Scheme may, at any time, within 28 days after the date of publication of this notice send to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Area Drainage Office, 157 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, all such (if any) observations in regard to the Scheme as he shall think proper.