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CIRCULAR TO DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES NO 10 OF 2001

PARITY AND WAGES POLICY 2001/2003 – ADMINISTRATIVE PAYMENT – BUILDING TRADES (GOVERNMENT) AWARD

On 2 July 2001 Cabinet approved a proposal to restore parity in wages and employment conditions, and implement wages policy through framework enterprise bargaining agreements (EBA).

The parity component of the proposal identifies a benchmark rate of pay. All employees currently covered by an EBA whose pay rates fall below the benchmark, will receive a pay adjustment that equates to the benchmark rate.

Negotiations with unions to finalise the basis for the benchmark parity rate of pay are continuing. Agencies will be advised when agreement is reached. In the interim, an administrative payment to the identified benchmark rate of pay has been approved.

Appendix D - Awards Restructuring of
Employees covered by the Building Trades (Government) Award or by EBA that are read in conjunction with this award, and whose rate of pay is less than that in **Attachment A**, are to receive a pay adjustment that equates to the benchmark rate, with effect from 1 July 2001. All other conditions of employment are unchanged.

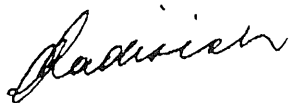
Circulars for employees covered by other awards affected by disparity will be issued separately.

Employees on Workplace Agreements (WPA) whose pay rates fall below the rate in **Attachment A** are free to convert to agency EBA, and must elect in writing to do so before 20 August 2001 to access the 1 July 2001 effective date. Where employees convert after 20 August 2001, the administrative payment will be effective from the date of conversion.

All agencies are required to complete the form at **Attachment B** and return it to their labour relations adviser by 13 August 2001. Whilst it is appreciated that not all agencies have employees covered by this award, returns are nevertheless required to establish an accurate profile of public sector employment.

Funding adjustments will be made, in consultation with Treasury, as part of the current budget process.

Please contact your labour relations adviser for information relating to the process applicable in cases where employees elect to withdraw from WPA, or for any other information that may be required.

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**JEFF RADISICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

30 July 2001

BUILDING TRADES (GOVERNMENT) AWARD

CLASSIFICATIONS		Pay Rates 1 July 2001
(1) (a) Tradespersons: Bricklayers Stoneworkers, Carpenters, Joiners, Painters, Signwriters, Glaziers, Plasterers and Stone-masons as defined in Clause 6 of this Award	On Engage-ment	534.72
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	540.60
	After 2 years of service	546.00
(b) Special Class Tradesperson (as defined)	On Engage-ment	556.56
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	562.74
	After 2 years of service	568.38
(c) Plumbers holding registration in accordance with the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act	On Engage-ment	553.02
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	558.96
	After 2 years of service	564.36
(d) Builders Labourers:		
(i) Rigger, Drainer, Dogman	On Engage-ment	507.90
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	516.12
	After 2 years of service	521.76
(ii) Scaffolder, Powder Monkey, Hoist or Winch Driver, Concrete Finisher, Steelfixer, including Tack Welder, Concrete Pump Operator	On Engage-ment	493.50
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	497.28
	After 2 years of service	502.86
(iii) Bricklayer's Labourer, Plasterer's Labourer, Assistant Rigger, Demolition Workers (after 3 months' experience), Gear Hand, Pile Driver, Tackle Hand, Jackhammer Hand, Mixer Driver (concrete), Steel Erector, Aluminium Alloy Structural Erector, Gantry Hand or Crane Hand, Crane Chaser, Concrete Gang including Concrete Floater, Steel or Bar Bender to Pattern or Plan, Concrete Formwork Stripper, Concrete Pump, Hose hand	On Engage-ment	483.42
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	488.58
	After 2 years of service	494.70
(iv) Builder's Labourer employed on work other than specified in classifications (i)-(iii)	On Engage-ment	447.36
	After 1 year of service (Per Week)	448.56
	After 2 years of service	453.66

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Agency:

Total employees covered by this award or EBAs emanating from this award:

Total FTE covered by this award or EBAs emanating from this award:

Total number of WPA employees who would otherwise be covered by this award or EBAs emanating from this award:

Total FTE of WPA employees who would otherwise be covered by this award or EBAs emanating from this award:

Total employees receiving administrative payment:

Total FTE receiving administrative payment:

Total full year cost of administrative payment:

Average % increase for employees receiving administrative payment:

Average \$ increase for employees receiving administrative payment:
