



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FURTHER DETAILS OF SALARY SCALES FOR NURSING ALLIED GRADES

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A government spokesman today gave further details of the revised salary scales announced yesterday for midwives, health auxiliaries, nursing auxiliaries and inoculators.

He stressed that a number of improvements to both the scales and working conditions had been incorporated as a direct result of consultations with the staff side in the Senior Civil Service Council.

He pointed out that the interim scales provided in April 1972, which included back pay to April 1971, had been agreed by the council on the understanding that discussions would continue thereafter.

"These interim increases were, in themselves, above the overall average increase in salaries for civil servants which resulted from the recommendations of the 1971 Salaries Commission," he added.

Following the introduction of the interim scales, the council set up a working party, representing both its official and staff sides, to examine the responsibilities and working conditions of the four grades.

The working party produced a report on each of the four grades, and these reports were submitted to the council earlier this year. The council discussed these extensively at eight meetings held since February 26, during which the staff side effectively put forward the case for improvements.

The official side revised its preliminary proposals in the light of these arguments, although it was unable to accept entirely the views of the staff side.

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"There is no doubt that the views of the staff side did much to influence, and improve upon, the original proposals," said the spokesman.

Discussing each of the grades in detail, he gave the following particulars of last year's interim scales and of improvements emerging from subsequent discussions:

Midwives - Interim scale \$875 - \$1,475.

Improvements: Scale extended to \$875 - \$1,650.  
On-call work abolished except in cases of emergency.

Total improvements with effect from 1.4.71: Average salary increase of 30 per cent.  
All midwives can go to extended maximum.  
Regular shift duties, normally without on-call requirements.

Health Auxiliaries -

Interim scale \$875 - \$1,650.

Improvements: Officers carrying certain supervisory responsibilities to get an allowance of \$100 per month.

Total improvements with effect from 1.4.71: Average salary increase of 25 per cent.  
Responsibility allowances where applicable.

Nursing Auxiliaries -

Interim scale \$600 - \$1,100.

Improvements: Scale improved to \$875 - \$1,650.

Total improvements with effect from 1.4.71: Average salary increase of 80 per cent.

Inoculators -

Interim scale \$525 - \$1,100.

Improvements: Minimum of scale improved to \$550 - \$1,100.  
Special allowance of \$80 per month to inoculators on B.C.G. work.

Total improvements with effect from 1.4.71: Average salary increase of 27 per cent.  
B.C.G. work allowances.

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CLEARWAY SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

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New clearway systems will be introduced in Lai Chi Kok Road and Cheung Sha Wan Road this week in a determined effort to speed up the flow of traffic in this congested area.

At the same time restrictions will be imposed on a number of streets in the Mong Kok and Sham Shui Po districts and in Castle Peak in the New Territories.

From tomorrow (Wednesday), a clearway will come into operation along the section of Lai Chi Kok Road between Nathan Road and an un-named road linking Lai Chi Kok Road and Cheung Sha Wan Road to the east of the Lai Chi Kok Interchange.

The clearway section of Cheung Sha Wan Road will be between Nathan Road and Hing Wah Street. It will come into effect from Thursday (June 28).

All motor vehicles, except franchised buses, will be prohibited from stopping to pick up or set down passengers and to load and unload goods along these two clearways from 7.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

In addition, public light buses from tomorrow (Wednesday) will not be permitted to pick up or set down passengers from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily in:

- \* Shanghai Street between Lai Chi Kok Road and Arran Street; and
- \* The northeast-bound carriageway of Tonkin Street within about 230 feet from its junction with Lai Chi Kok Road.

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With effect from Thursday (June 28), similar restriction for public light buses will be introduced in Yen Chow Street between Apliu Street and Fuk Wa Street; and Nam Cheong Street between Fuk Wa Street and Apliu Street.

In the New Territories, public light buses will be prohibited from picking up and setting down passengers in a section of Castle Peak Road at Sam Shing Hui also from Thursday.

Operators are advised to use the public light bus stands near the Castle Peak bus terminus and car park.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentence passed on February 20, 1973 on Yeung Pui-yan should be commuted to a term of 25 years imprisonment.

Yeung was found guilty of the murder of Tsang Wan-chung.

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WATER CUTS IN NORTH POINT

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Water supply to a number of premises in North Point will be turned off for five hours from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday (June 28).

This is to enable the Waste Detection Section of the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area affected is bounded by 865-1021 and 992-1054 King's Road including North Point Model Housing, Finnie Street, Hoi Tai Street, Hoi Wan Street, Tong Chong Street, Hoi Kwong Street, Pan Hoi Street and Mt. Parker Road.

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#### NEW SCHOOL FOR SLOW LEARNERS

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The government has granted more than \$1.5 million towards the cost of building a school for slow-learning children.

The grant has been made to the Hong Kong Association for Mentally Handicapped Children and Young Persons.

The amount represents a capital subsidy of over \$921,000 towards 80 per cent of the building costs plus a special government grant of more than \$624,000.

The association has received a donation from the Lions Club of Hong Kong for the remaining 20 per cent. But due to rising costs, its share of the contribution has increased by about \$30,000.

This additional cost has now been met with a grant from the Government Lotteries Fund.

Situated in Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, the Lions Morninghill School is designed to accommodate 200 slow-learning children, and will be subsidised by the Education Department.

The school now operates in temporary premises in the Wah Fu Estate, as the new building will not be ready until December this year.

The association, now caring for over 100 children at its school in Wah Fu, is a welfare organisation concerned with the well-being and education of handicapped children.

It is also operating another subsidised school for slow learning pupils in Yau Tong and a training centre for mentally handicapped children.

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MORE OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION DEPOTS

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Fifty-two additional permanent off-street refuse collection depots have been planned in the urban areas to eliminate unsightly garbage collection points on street corners.

At present there are 43 off-street points in operation, complementing the 900 on-street ones. However it is hoped to replace these with 200 properly constructed off-street depots.

Eight of the existing off-street centres are permanent structures while the remainder will be replaced by permanent ones when suitable sites are made available.

Mr. Frank Taylor, Assistant Director of Urban Services, explained that it was the ultimate aim of the Urban Council to replace all the on-street collection points with off-street depots to avoid obstruction to traffic and to cause the least inconvenience to the public.

A permanent off-street depot was completed last month at the junction of Mong Kok Road and Shanghai Street; and one at King Lam Street in Cheung Sha Wan was handed over early this month.

Another collection point will be built in the densely populated area of Causeway Bay. It will be located near Paterson Street and will be ready at the end of the year.

Off-street collection depots will also be constructed in Yu Chau Street and near the Jordan Road ferry in Kowloon.

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Mr. Taylor pointed out that Hong Kong is one of the few places in the world where residents are provided with a refuse collection service at least once a day.

"In busy areas, depending on the average amount of refuse, collections are made twice or even three times daily," he added.

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Note to Editors: Photographs of a typical off-street refuse depot will be boxed this evening.

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#### FIRE ENQUIRY LINE

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A direct telephone line has been installed in the enquiry centre of the Fire Prevention Bureau to make it easier for people to obtain information or report fire hazards.

The new number is 5-281224 and is manned 24 hours daily.

Anyone seeking information or advice on fire prevention, or who wishes to report fire hazards is urged to call the new number.

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COMMISSION COMPLETES HEARINGS ON FIRST TERM OF REFERENCE

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The recently appointed Commission of Inquiry, after hearing evidence and taking statements from a total of 26 witnesses, has now completed its hearings on the first term of reference.

This term called on the commission to report on the circumstances in which a person whose prosecution under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance was, at an advance stage of consideration, able to leave Hong Kong.

The Commissioner, Sir Alastair Blair-Kerr, is now considering all the evidence and has begun drafting his report.

He is hopeful that he will be able to submit the report to the Governor-in-Council within the time required by the term of reference -- three weeks.

After he has completed his report, Sir Alastair will begin work on the second term of reference which requires him to report on the effectiveness of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and to suggest changes where necessary.

He has been asked to report on the second term of reference within three months.

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EXPORTS OF GARMENTS TO SWEDEN

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The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. E.P. Ho, and the Swedish Consul General, Mr. Carl C:son Kjellberg, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding covering the export of certain garments to Sweden from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

The memorandum covers most of the products which are currently under restraint on export to Sweden.

Some new items have been added to the restraint list including briefs and undershorts of discontinuous synthetic fibres, slacks and trousers of discontinuous synthetic fibres and bathing suits and trunks of continuous synthetic fibres.

Knitted shirts and certain knitted sweaters have been deleted from the list and are no longer under restraint. The current restraint levels for most items have been increased by 5 per cent in the new arrangements.

Details of the control arrangements and of the principles governing such matters as allocation of quotas have already been published in notices to exporters Series 6, No. 19/73 and 20/73. Copies of these can be obtained from the Textiles Licensing Branch of the Commerce and Industry Department, 46, Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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COMPULSORY WEARING OF CRASH HELMETS

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A misunderstanding has occurred over an item issued last Friday dealing with the compulsory wearing of crash helmets for motorcyclists and pillion passengers.

The original item referred to certain groups of people who may be exempted from wearing the helmets on application to the Commissioner for Transport.

This is true, but it must be pointed out that, under the regulations, it is the individual who must apply for the exemption. There can be no question of group exemption on the application of just one person.

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