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REVISION OF SPECIAL DAILY ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICIAL VISITS ABROAD: PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATIONS, 1999, PART V, PARAGRAPH F

1. The Euro currency was introduced in Europe with effect from 1 January 2002. As the Euro currency has replaced a number of European currencies, it will be necessary to convert the Subsistence and Travelling tariffs in the following currencies to Euro:

   Austrian Shillings
   Belgium Francs
   Finish Markkaa
   Deutschmarks
   French Francs
   Irish Punts
   Italian Lire
   Netherlands Guilder
   Spanish Pasetas
2. Emanating from the above, the Minister for the Public Service and Administration has, in terms of the authority vested in her in section 3 (3) (c) of the Public Service Act, 1994, read with Public Service Regulations, 2001, Chapter 1/Part V/E 2 (a) made a determination that, with effect from 1 January 2002, the special daily allowances be adjusted/converted as indicated in the attached Annexure. The Financial Manual For Purposes Of The Calculation And Application Of Remunerative Allowances And Benefits will be updated to reflect the applicable conversions, in due course.

3. The National Treasury granted approval, in terms of Section 5 (3) of the Public Service Act, 1994, as amended, for the adjustment/conversion of the currencies to Euro of the relevant daily allowances, with effect from 1 January 2002. Expenditure incurred in respect of this approval must be accommodated within Departments’/Administrations’ existing budgetary allocations.