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REVISED CONSULTANTS' CONTRACT (1997) - SUPERANNUATION

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to this Department's circular no. 7/98 dated 24 March, 1998 concerning pension increases for 1991 contract holders who retired on or prior to 31 December, 1997. It is understood that some confusion has arisen in relation to the implementation of this circular. The following clarification should be noted:-

As well as receiving retrospection as per schedule of enabling circular dated 5 December, 1997, consultants should have had their pensions revised based on the salary scales of current postholders who accepted the revised consultant contract dated 11 November, 1997.

Pensioners who held the 1991 Geographical Wholetime (without fees) contract should have their pensions based on the 1997 Geographical Wholetime (without fees) salary scales. Pensioners who held the 1991 Geographical Wholetime (with fees) contract should have their pensions based on the 1997 Category I salary scales and pensioners who held the 1991 Existing Wholetime contract should have their pensions based on the 1997 Category II salary scales.

The most recent increase affecting pensioners who held the 1991 consultant contract is circular 4/99 dated 11 January, 1999 on the revision of remuneration for hospital consultants under the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector (Report No. 37).

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