



SITREP 23/15

Meal and travel allowance increased from 1 July 2015

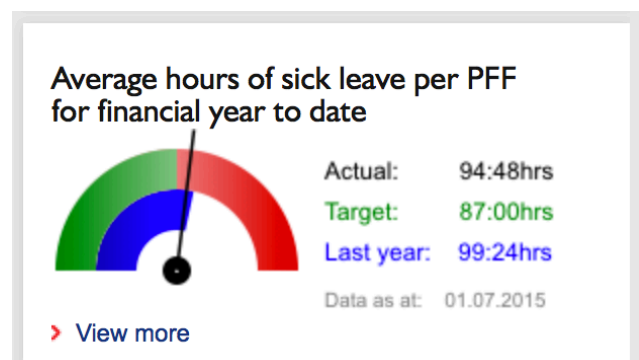
As occurs each year, certain allowances in both the Permanent and Retained Awards increased on and from 1 July. Attached to this SITREP is a table containing the new meal and travel allowances, as confirmed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) this week. The allowances have been determined at a level consistent with the reasonable allowance amounts for the 2015/16 financial year, as determined by the ATO and the Sydney CPI increase for the March quarter. Members are entitled and advised to claim the new rates immediately and back to 1 July.

Idiotic sick leave gauges strike again?

Screenshots of the Department's intranet sick leave pressure gauges on 29 June showed the average sick leave taken by permanent firefighters for the 2014/15 financial year to date was 87.56 hours per firefighter – a smidgin over the annual target of 87 hours with just one day left to go. Fast forward two days to 1 July and the figure showing for 2014/15 was 94.48 hours – an explosion of 7 additional hours per permanent firefighter in less than 48 hours?! The previous year was equally hard to fathom.



The intranet's sick leave gauge on 29 June



.... and on 1 July

SITREP 14/2013 declared their pressure gauges dodgy. The above does nothing to lift our confidence in them. If management find an explanation between now then, we'll reprint it in SITREP 24.

In brief ...

- Last week's 2015/16 NSW budget had few surprises (and fewer bonuses) for FRNSW, save for an unexplained \$5 million more than the amount required for the 2014/15 FRNSW wage bill with a 2.5% wage increase. This suggests either more jobs, or higher wages for the existing workforce. Either would be welcome. Neither is expected. More to follow.
- The following members were appointed to fill Sub-Branch Executive vacancies for the remainder of the 2013-2016 term: Brett Farmer (Sydney North); Paul Cameron, Sam Wassell and Wayne Keevers (Sydney Central West); and Paul Casey (Retained). Congrats and thanks to all for your commitment.

Jim Casey
State Secretary

Friday 3 July 2015



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Item	From July 2014	From July 2015
Meals and Refreshments		
Permanent Award Clauses 10.2.1, 10.2.2 and 10.3.1.2 – Retained Award Clauses 8.2.1 and 8.2.2		
Meal Allowance	\$28.20	\$28.80
Refreshment Allowance	\$14.10	\$14.40
Travel Compensation - Accommodation Allowances (first 35 days)		
Permanent Award Clause 26.4.1 – Retained Award Clause 20.3.1		
Albury	\$222.10	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Armidale	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Bathurst	\$244.81 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Bega	\$222.10	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Bourke	\$286.25 (High Cost)	\$288.45 (High Cost)
Broken Hill	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Coffs Harbour	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Cooma	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Dubbo	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Gosford	\$261.25 (High Cost)	\$263.45 (High Cost)
Goulburn	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Griffith	\$222.10	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Gunnedah	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Maitland	\$273.25 (High Cost)	\$275.45 (High Cost)
Mudgee	\$256.25 (High Cost)	\$258.45 (High Cost)
Muswellbrook	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Newcastle	\$273.25 (High Cost)	\$278.45 (High Cost)
Nowra	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Orange	\$270.25 (High Cost)	\$278.45 (High Cost)
Port Macquarie	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$263.45 (High Cost)
Queanbeyan	\$254.25 (High Cost)	\$256.45 (High Cost)
Sydney	\$306.25	\$308.45
Tamworth	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Tumut	\$244.10 (Tier 2)	\$246.15 (Tier 2)
Wagga Wagga	\$262.25 (High Cost)	\$264.45 (High Cost)
Wollongong	\$257.25 (High Cost)	\$259.45 (High Cost)
Elsewhere in NSW	\$222.10	\$224.15
Actual and/or Incidental Expenses		
Permanent Award Clauses 26.4.2 and 26.5 – Retained Award Clauses 20.3.3 and 20.4		
Incidentals	\$18.70	\$18.75
Meal Allowances – Capitals and high cost country centers		
Permanent Award Clauses 26.3.1.1, 26.3.1.3 – Retained Award Clauses 20.2.1, 20.2.2 and 20.2.3		
Breakfast	\$25.35	\$25.90
Lunch	\$28.55	\$29.15
Dinner	\$48.65	\$49.65
Meal Allowances – (Tier 2 country centers and elsewhere)		
Permanent Award Clauses 26.3.1.1, 26.3.1.3 – Retained Award Clauses 20.2.1, 20.2.2 and 20.2.3		
Breakfast	\$22.70	\$23.20
Lunch	\$25.95	\$26.50
Dinner	\$44.75	\$45.70
Specified Journey Rate - Permanent Award only		
Clauses 16.5.2, 25.2.3, 26.6.4, 26.6.5.3, 29.6.5 and 29.8.1		
Over 2601cc	35.72 cents/km	36.29 cents/km
1601cc-2600cc	33.39 cents/km	33.92 cents/km
Under 1600cc	28.00 cents/km	28.45 cents/km
Official Business Rate - Permanent Award only		
Clauses 26.6.5.4 and 29.8.4		
Over 2601cc	100.71 cents/km	102.32 cents/km
1601cc-2600cc	93.85 cents/km	95.35 cents/km
Under 1600cc	67.21 cents/km	68.29 cents/km