

ALLOWANCES FOR DELEGATES AND PARTIES

As indicated in Michael Ancram's letter of 18 April, it is intended to pay the following allowances to individuals:

Loss of earnings

a loss of earnings allowance at a daily rate of £100, and £50 for less than 4 hours will be payable to elected delegates only, on the basis of relevant attendance for the purposes of the negotiations. This can be claimed in arrears.

Subsistence/travel expenses

delegations (and party support staff) will be able to claim subsistence and travel expenses at the standard Civil Service rates.

In addition, it is intended to pay the following to parties:

Party Allowance

a flat rate party allowance of £300 (or such lesser figure as may be agreed in the Business Committee) for each day in which the party concerned is involved in negotiations.

Party Research Grants

a party research grant in respect of vouched expenditure on relevant items of work, up to a maximum of £6,000 per quarter.