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Commonwealth of Australia.

NATIONAL SECURITY (ECONOMIC ORGANISATION) REGULATIONS.

State of Western Australia.

Basic Wage Adjustment Order.

WHEREAS it is provided by regulation 17A of the National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations (as amended by Statutory Rules 1942, No. 257, and 1942, No. 344) that in the case of any State the law of which permits but does not require the quarterly adjustment of the basic wage following on a variation in the cost of living, the Premier of that State, if satisfied that it is desirable so to do in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth or the more effectual prosecution of the war, may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* of the State, adjust and amend the basic wage declared under the law of the State in accordance with the change in the cost of living as indicated by the price index numbers and other information prepared by the Government Statistician of the State under any such law, and that where since the first day of October, 1941, there has been in the case of any State any variation in the cost of living by reason of which a periodical adjustment of the basic wage would have been permitted and no such adjustment has been made, the Premier of that State may, on the first occasion on which he adjusts and amends the basic wage under the said regulation, take that variation into account in making the adjustment and amendment, and that any such adjustment and amendment of the basic wage under the said regulation shall for all purposes have the same force and effect as if made by an Industrial Authority empowered under the law of the State to adjust and amend the basic wage: And whereas section 124A of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1941, of the State of Western Australia permits but does not require the quarterly adjustment of the basic wage following on a variation in the cost of living when a statement of the State Government Statistician shows by price index numbers and other information that a change of one shilling or more per week has occurred in the cost of living: And whereas quarterly statements furnished by the State Government Statistician in compliance with the provisions of section 124A of the said Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1941, show by price index numbers and other information that since the 1st day of October, 1941, variations in the cost of living occurred as follows, that is to say an increase during the period from September 30th, 1941, to March 31st, 1942, of one shilling and eightpence per week for males and elevenpence per week for females in the Metropolitan Area as hereinafter defined and of one shilling and elevenpence per week for males and one shilling and one penny per week for females in the Agricultural Areas as hereinafter defined, and a further increase during the quarter ending on the 30th day of June, 1942, of two shillings and tenpence per week for males and one shilling and sixpence per week for females in the said Metropolitan Area and of two shillings and one penny per week for males and one shilling and

onepence per week for females in the said Agricultural Areas, so that the aggregate variation in the cost of living which has occurred since the 1st day of October, 1941, as compared with the cost of living immediately prior to the said 1st day of October, 1941, is equal to a total increase of four shillings and sixpence per week for males and two shillings and fivepence per week for females in the said Metropolitan Area and four shillings per week for males and two shillings and twopence per week for females in the said Agricultural Areas and by reason of such variations aforesaid periodical adjustments of the basic wage would have been permitted and no such adjustments have been made: And whereas, I, John Collings Willcock, M.L.A., Premier of the State of Western Australia, am satisfied that it is desirable, in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth or the more effectual prosecution of the war, to adjust and amend the basic wage declared and now in force under the said Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1941, in accordance with the change in the cost of living which has occurred as aforesaid in the State of Western Australia as indicated by price index numbers and other information prepared by the State Government Statistician since the 1st day of October, 1941, in so far as the said basic wage has not already been so adjusted and amended by the Court of Arbitration under section 124A of the said Act: Now, therefore I, the said John Collings Willcock, as such Premier aforesaid, acting for the first time by virtue of the authority contained in the said regulation 17A for the purpose of making the first adjustment and amendment of the basic wage under the authority aforesaid do, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Basic Wage Adjustment Order No. 1.

2. By this Order the basic wage declaration made under the provisions of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1941, by the Court of Arbitration on the 11th day of June, 1942, is hereby and shall be adjusted and amended by taking into account the variation in the cost of living since the 1st day of October, 1941, as hereinbefore mentioned, so as to read and have effect as follows:—

Adults.

- (1) Metropolitan Area, which for this purpose shall be deemed to be that portion of the State comprised within a radius of fifteen (15) miles from the General Post Office, Perth—

									Per Week.
									£ s. d.
Males	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 14 11
Females	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 11 3

- (2) Agricultural Areas, namely the South-West Land Division of the State, except such portion thereof as is comprised within the Metropolitan Area as defined herein—

									Per Week.
									£ s. d.
Males	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 14 10
Females	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 11 3

- (3) Goldfields Areas and all other portions of the State exclusive of the South-West Land Division—

									Per Week.
									£ s. d.
Males	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 5 7
Females	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 17 0

Apprentices and Junior Workers.

- (4) The wages being paid to these workers will be altered proportionately to the alterations in the basic wage above declared by the application of the percentage where percentages are fixed in the award or industrial agreement, and by a direct proportion where the amount and not a percentage is prescribed

- (5) Payment shall be *pro rata* where the term of employment is for less than one (1) week.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1942.

(Sgd.) J. WILLCOCK,
Premier of the State of Western Australia.