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Labour and Industry Acts.

DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 OF THE LABOUR AND INDUSTRY ACT 1953.

I, Henry Norman Jones, Secretary for Labour and Industry, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Labour and Industry Acts, hereby make and issue the following adjusted Determination of the Wages Board referred to hereunder showing adjusted rates and prices to operate from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1956.

Dated at Melbourne, this
26th day of March, 1956.

H. N. JONES,
Secretary for Labour and Industry.

POULTRY FARM WORKERS BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 17 of the Determination of the Industrial Appeals Court published in *Government Gazette* No. 70 of the 4th March, 1955, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2. WAGES PER WEEK OF 44 HOURS.

Improvers.				Other Employees.	
Age.	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Wages.		Males.	Wages.
		Male.	Female.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Under 16 years of age ..	45	5 13 0	4 4 6		
16 years of age ..	55	6 18 0	5 3 6		
17 years of age ..	70	8 15 6	6 11 6	Leading hand (i.e., an employee who is in charge and directs the work of three or more employees)	15 1 0
18 years of age ..	80	10 1 0	7 10 6	General hand..	14 6 0
19 years of age ..	90	11 6 0	8 9 0		
20 years of age ..	100	12 11 0	9 8 0	<i>Females.</i>	

The percentages prescribed above are in the case of males related to the male basic wage, and in the case of females to the female basic wage.

The wages of adult females shall be 75 per cent. of the appropriate rate prescribed above for a male calculated to nearest 6d. half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded.

PROVISION OF AND DEDUCTION FOR KEEP.

17. (a) Where the employer provides an employee with board and lodging the standard thereof shall be reasonably adequate and the standard of accommodation provided shall be in accordance with the following, that is to say, there shall be a sufficiency of necessary furniture, bedding, blankets and bedroom and washing utensils and sufficient provision made for lighting, heating, bathing, ventilation and sanitation. The sleeping quarters provided shall contain not less than 480 cubic feet of air space for each person accommodated therein and not more than two persons shall be accommodated in any one sleeping apartment. The food provided shall be sufficient and well prepared and cooked.

(b) Subject to compliance with the provisions of sub-clause (a) hereof the employer shall be entitled to deduct from the wages payable to an employee provided by him with board and lodging an amount to compensate himself for the cost thereof at the following rates:—

	£ s. d.
Adult males at the rate of	3 5 8 per week
Adult females and junior males at the rate of	2 4 3 per week
Junior females at the rate of	1 14 3 per week

provided that such rates are adjustable by adding or subtracting, as the case may be, to or from the rates prescribed an amount of 4d. in the case of adult male, and 3d. in all other cases for each variation of 1s. in the male basic wage.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 and 17, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

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