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## 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 Act, 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 November, 1954.

Dated at Melbourne, this

17th day of November, 1954.

H. N. JONES,

Secretary for Labour and Industry.

### GAS METER BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 11 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 200 of the 12th April, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

#### WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

(a) Makers and/or repairers of gas meters which are assembled by the use of screws, bolts, or rivets.

|  |    |    |    |    |    |    | Total Wage Payable. |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------------|
|  |    |    |    |    |    |    | £ s. d.             |
| (i) Adults.                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                     |
| Tester other than sound tester .. .. .         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 5 6              |
| Sound tester .. .. .                           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 5 6              |
| Spray and other painter .. .. .                | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 5 6              |
| Valve grinder other than loose grinder .. .. . | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 5 6              |
| Assembler and/or repairer .. .. .              | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 5 6              |

#### (ii) Junior Employees.

|                               |    |    |    |    |    | Percentage of Basic Wage. | Additional Amount. | Total Wage Payable. |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                               |    |    |    |    |    |                           | s. d.              | £ s. d.             |
| Under 16 years of age .. .. . | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24                        | 2 0                | 2 18 0              |
| 16 years of age .. .. .       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34                        | 3 0                | 4 2 6               |
| 17 years of age .. .. .       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46                        | 4 0                | 5 11 6              |
| 18 years of age .. .. .       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 58                        | 5 0                | 7 0 6               |
| 19 years of age .. .. .       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 73                        | 6 0                | 8 17 0              |
| 20 years of age .. .. .       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 88                        | 7 0                | 10 13 0             |

## (b) Makers and/or repairers of other gas meters.

| Apprentices or Improvers.   |                            |              |              |                    | Other Employees.  |              |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------|
|   | Per-centage of Basic Wage. | Weekly Rate. | War Loading. | Total Weekly Wage. |   | Weekly Wage. |
|   |                            | s. d.        | s. d.        | s. d.              |   | £ s. d.      |
| 1st year—   |                            |              |              |                    | Leading hand (i.e., one having under his control and being responsible for the work done by two or more men) .. | 16 15 4      |
| 1st six months  | 28                         | 65 6         | 0 9          | 66 3               | Meter maker or repairer ..  | 14 4 0       |
| 2nd six months  | 32                         | 75 0         | 0 9          | 75 9               | Prepayment meter attachment maker ..  | 15 1 6       |
| 2nd year ..   | 40                         | 93 6         | 1 0          | 94 6               | Caster of gratings and covers ..  | 15 1 6       |
| 3rd year ..   | 54                         | 128 6        | 1 6          | 128 0              | Head tester—  |              |
| 4th year ..   | 79                         | 185 0        | 2 3          | 187 3              | (a) where eight or more other testers are employed ..   | 16 15 0      |
| 5th year ..   | 100 + 1s.                  | 235 0        | 3 0          | 238 0              | (b) where four and not more than seven other testers are employed ..  | 16 5 8       |
| PROPORTION (within any place).  |                            |              |              |                    | Other tester ..   | 13 18 0      |
| Apprentices.  |                            |              |              |                    | Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed) ..                                | 15 14 6      |
| One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 237s. per week of 40 hours.  |                            |              |              |                    | Other diaphragm tier, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring ..   | 13 8 5       |
| Improvers.  |                            |              |              |                    | Leading diaphragm cutter, where two or more cutters are employed ..   | 15 2 7       |
| Such number of improvers as shall not, together with apprentices, exceed in the aggregate one to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 237s. per week of 40 hours. |                            |              |              |                    | Other diaphragm cutter ..   | 13 15 2      |
|   |                            |              |              |                    | Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash box maker ..  | 14 1 1       |
|   |                            |              |              |                    | Machinist (power press) ..  | 13 9 8       |
|   |                            |              |              |                    | Other Machinist ..  | 12 15 4      |
|   |                            |              |              |                    | Assistant machinist ..  | 12 6 9       |
|   |                            |              |              |                    | All others ..   | 11 17 0      |

## PIECEWORK PRICES.

11. In addition to the piecework prices set out in this clause a pieceworker shall be paid 6s. War Loading for each full week worked or a pro rata amount according to the time actually worked if less than a full week is worked.

The lowest piecework prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be:—

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "Met" and "P. and C." PATTERN, ALSO HIGH CAPACITY METERS, "P. and C." PATTERN.

|  | H.C. 1.  |          | H.C. 2.  |          |
|--|--|----------|----------|----------|
|  | per doz.   | £ s. d.  | per doz. | £ s. d.  |
| <b>Ordinary Meters.</b>  |  |          |          |          |
| Making "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts including anti-fraud boxes ..   | 32   | 13 11    | 36       | 5 4      |
| <b>Lights.</b>   |  |          |          |          |
|  | 2.   | 3.       | 5.       | 10.      |
|  | per doz.   | per doz. | per doz. | per doz. |
|  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  |
| Making "P. and C." pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes ..  | 21   | 6 7      | 22       | 2 7      |
|  | 25   | 1 9      | 30       | 2 2      |
|  | 43   | 14 0     |          |          |
| <b>High Capacity Meters.</b>   |  |          |          |          |
| Making "P. and C." high capacity meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms; also, bending top arms: | Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £23 11s. 11d. per doz. |          |          |          |
|  | Capacity, 125 cubic feet per hour £27 1s. 11d. per doz.  |          |          |          |

## PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

## (a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

"P. and C." A.V. 2-200 feet per hour. Open Top Pattern Meters.

Making up "P. and C." A.V. 2-200 feet per hour Open Top Pattern Meters, i.e., doing the following work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts and the making of valve plates, making up case, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, tinning all parts, soldering both back and front of division, soldering flag to roller and pillar unit, soldering in rods and tees and tees and motion wires, soldering on backs and fronts, soldering in bridges, soldering in and fitting index boxes, soldering arms to covers, pinning covers and setting tangents (but not including forming centre tube throat pieces), making up rims and bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms and oiling diaphragms, assembling of bridges, making up of index complete in pan with stuffing box attached, stuffing index box or drilling, tapping or screwing arms to covers.

£23 7s. 9d. per doz.

## (b) MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS.

Making "P. and C." pattern high capacity prepayment meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, tinning all parts, soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge, soldering in prepayment valve, soldering top on prepayment valve box, soldering prepayment valve box to meter, soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same, soldering on lever, soldering on circular box, soldering on prepayment movement and index, soldering on side cash box, soldering hasp to catch piece, soldering catch piece to meter, edging front of money box and attaching same to box, soldering on ring and tab to front of money box, trying coins in circular box, soldering on indicator, soldering bottom to cash box, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms.

Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £29 1s. 8d. per doz.

## (c) MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

|   | Lights.                                     |                         |                                    |                                   |                               |                             |                    |                    |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | 2.  | 3.                      | 5.                                 | 10.                               | 20.                           | 30.                         | 50.                | 60.                |
|   | per job of<br>400 rims<br>and 200<br>discs. | per job of<br>620 rims. | per job of<br>580 rims.            | per job of<br>460 rims.           | per job of<br>240 rims.       | per job of<br>240 rims.     | per doz.<br>discs. | per doz.<br>discs. |
|   | £ s. d.                                     | £ s. d.                 | £ s. d.                            | £ s. d.                           | £ s. d.                       | £ s. d.                     | £ s. d.            | £ s. d.            |
| Making rims and discs .. ..                             | 17 1 7                                      | ..                      | ..                                 | ..                                | ..                            | ..                          | ..                 | ..                 |
| Making rims .. ..                                       | ..  | 17 1 7                  | 17 1 7                             | 17 1 7                            | 17 1 7                        | 17 1 7                      | ..                 | ..                 |
| Making discs .. ..                                      | ..  | ..                      | ..                                 | ..                                | per doz.<br>discs.<br>0 13 8½ | per doz.<br>discs.<br>1 0 0 | 2 8 1½             | 2 17 2½            |
| Making rims for circular crimped-on<br>diaphragms .. .. | ..  | ..                      | per job of<br>400 rims.<br>14 12 0 | per job of<br>400 rims.<br>15 3 0 | ..                            | ..                          | ..                 | ..                 |

## (d) WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

|                                  | 2, 3, or 5 Lights.  | 10 Lights.          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | per dozen.<br>s. d. | per dozen.<br>s. d. |
| Wiring or tying diaphragms .. .. | 14 5½               | 82 6                |

## (e) RENEWALS.

|   | Lights.             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | 30.                 | 50.                         | 60.                         | 80.                         | 100.                        |
|   | per doz.<br>£ s. d. | per job<br>of 6.<br>£ s. d. | per job<br>of 6.<br>£ s. d. | per job<br>of 3.<br>£ s. d. | per job<br>of 3.<br>£ s. d. |
| Renewing in the following manner ordinary condemned meters from which the top back plate, and back and front have been removed, viz. :—<br>Dissecting and cleaning all parts fit to be re-used and making a new meter therewith by :—<br>Forming diaphragms and long chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates; punching cock plate and folding edges; breaking edges of side pipes, any other necessary work .. .. | 88 10 6             | 68 7 2                      | 73 4 2                      | 48 19 10                    | 48 19 10                    |

PIECEWORK PRICES—*continued*.

## (f) REPAIRING METERS.

|   | H.C. 1.              | H.C. 2.              | Lights.  |                             |                             |                             |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | each meter.<br>s. d. | each meter.<br>s. d. | 5.<br>each meter.<br>s. d.                               | 10.<br>each meter.<br>s. d. | 20.<br>each meter.<br>s. d. | 30.<br>each meter.<br>s. d. |
| Repairing "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:—<br>Removing back and front; removing cock plate and back plate; cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing centre and side stuffing boxes; re-setting valves and top arms; inserting new diaphragms; removing index; putting in new valve arms, index glass, or new tin work .. .. .  | 34 5                 | 34 5                 | 31 9½  | 37 11½                      | 53 5½                       | 62 3½                       |
| Repairing prepayment slot meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:—<br>Cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; re-setting top arms and valves; removing top and back plates; taking off and replacing back and front, and inserting new diaphragms, new valve arms, and index glass; putting in a new cover to shut off valve; putting on staple and spring, and soldering wire along cash box (but not including repairs to handles) .. .. . | ..                   | ..                   | per job of ten meters<br>£ s. d.<br>19 4 7<br>each meter | ..                          | ..                          | ..                          |
| Inserting new leather on shut off valve in Parkinson pattern prepayment meter .. .. .   | ..                   | ..                   | s. d.<br>3 11½   | ..                          | ..                          | ..                          |

|   | Lights.                      |                             |                             |                              |                              |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | 2.                           | 3.                          | 5.                          | 10.                          | 20.                          |
| Repairing tin dry ordinary meters in the following manner:—<br>(a) Cleaning meter; inserting diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing and replacing cock plates and index .. .. . | each meter.<br>s. d.<br>7 10 | each meter.<br>s. d.<br>8 9 | each meter.<br>s. d.<br>9 6 | each meter.<br>s. d.<br>10 6 | each meter.<br>s. d.<br>14 4 |
| (b) Cleaning meter; cutting discs; oiling diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing cock plate and index; taking off and putting in back and front .. .. .                         | 6 6                          | 6 6                         | 6 6                         | 6 8                          | 9 11                         |
| Repairing tin dry prepayment meters, extra on above (a) and (b):—<br>(i) Meters fitted with 1977 movements .. .. .  | 2 6                          | 2 6                         | 2 6                         | 2 6                          | 2 6                          |
| (ii) Meters fitted with 1924 and similar movements .. .. .  | 3 0                          | 3 0                         | 3 0                         | 3 0                          | 3 0                          |
| (iii) Other meters .. .. .  | 2 3                          | 2 3                         | 2 3                         | 2 3                          | 2 3                          |
| NOTE:—14d. to be paid extra for all T. Glover slot repairs with the exception of Parkinson pattern meters—all Cowan H. to F. slots to be subject to this increase.  | ..                           | ..                          | ..                          | ..                           | ..                           |

With 220·14 per cent. added.

## (g) EXTRAS.

| Article.            | Lights.     | Price.   | Article.                     | Lights.           | Price.    |
|---------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                     |             | s. d.    |                              |                   | s. d.     |
| Frame and door ..   | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 7      | Pipes inside inlet ..        | 2, 3, 5, 10 to 20 | 2 0 pair  |
| Bottom and studs .. | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 1 4      | Other pipes ..               | 2, 3, 5, 10       | 1 0 "     |
| ..                  | 20          | 1 8      | Galleries ..                 | 20                | 2 0 "     |
| Bridge ..           | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 1 0      | ..                           | 2, 3, 5, 10       | 1 3 "     |
| ..                  | 20          | 1 3      | ..                           | 20                | 1 8 "     |
| Red arms ..         | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 4 pair | Guides ..                    | 2 to 20           | 0 4 set   |
| ..                  | 20          | 0 8 "    | Feet ..                      | 2, 3, 5, 10       | 0 4 "     |
| Valve arms ..       | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 3 "    | ..                           | 20                | 1 0 "     |
| Valve-box covers .. | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 6 "    | Rod stuffing boxes ..        | 2, 3, 5, 10       | 0 5 pair  |
| Divisions ..        | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 2 2      | Clean valves and set to zero | 2                 | 2 0       |
| Half-valve plate .. | 2           | 2 3      | ..                           | 3 and 5           | 2 4       |
| ..                  | 3           | 2 5      | ..                           | 10                | 2 5       |
| ..                  | 5           | 2 7      | Slot meters extra on above   | 20                | 2 11 each |
| ..                  | 10          | 2 9      | Taking off and putting on    | ..                | 1 2 each  |
| ..                  | 20          | 2 11     | back and front only ..       | 2                 | 1 3 pair  |
| New door ..         | 2           | 0 2      | ..                           | 3 and 5           | 1 6 "     |
| Motion wires ..     | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 7 pair | ..                           | 10                | 1 8 "     |
| ..                  | 20          | 1 3 "    | ..                           | 20                | 2 3 "     |
| Throat pieces ..    | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 1 0 "    | Turn-over backs and fronts   | 2 to 20           | 0 5 "     |
| Side chambers ..    | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 0 6 each | Condemning ..                | 2                 | 1 3       |
| ..                  | ..          | ..       | ..                           | 3, 5, 10          | 1 5       |
| New sides ..        | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 4 4 pair | ..                           | 20                | 1 11      |
| Tees ..             | 2, 3, 5, 10 | 1 0      | Piecing cases ..             | 2 to 20           | 0 6       |
| ..                  | 20          | 1 3 "    | Putting in deep rim diap.    | 3                 | 0 7 pair  |
|                     |             |          | ..                           | 5                 | 0 5 "     |

With 220·14 per cent. added.

NOTE.—(i) "Leaks round grating" and "All crutch leaks" shall be paid for at wages rates.

(ii) All materials for piecework, except that set out in sub-clause (d) of the piecework schedule shall be supplied to the employee in good order and condition.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 and 11, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

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