

TRAVELLING, TRANSFER AND RELIEVING EXPENSES REVIEWED

The Public Service Commissioner has announced an amendment of allowances paid under the Public Service Allowances Agreement 1961.

Following a review of hotel tariffs, it has been agreed with the Civil Service Association of Western Australia (Inc.) that the daily rates of reimbursement of travelling, transfer and relieving expenses on and from the July 1, 1966 shall be as follows:-

Clause	Item No.	Daily Rate	
		30/6/66	1/7/66
6. Travelling Expenses	1	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.70
	2	6.15	6.25
	6	7.00	7.35
8. Transfer Expenses	1	6.60	6.70
	2	6.15	6.25
10. Relieving Allowances	1	6.60	6.70
	2	6.15	6.25

CRAYFISH SEASON CLOSES

First indications of how the season just ended compares with previous seasons are favourable. Most crayfishermen are quite happy. The actual production may not have been quite as large, but the prices returned compensated for this. There were some exceptionally good catches made.

In the final week of the season some Fremantle based boats were still making daily catches of four bags.

CONSERVATION OF THE NOISY SCRUB BIRD

As indicated in an earlier issue of the bulletin, the Government's action to cancel the proposed townsite of Casuarina is receiving world-wide acclaim.

The following letter has been received by the Government of Western Australia from the Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund, with headquarters in Switzerland.

"The World Wildlife Fund has learnt with gratification the news that the Government of Western Australia has decided to cancel the proposal to establish a town near the only known habitat of the Noisy Scrub-bird at Two People Bay, and to make this whole area an effective national park for the conservation of this highly interesting species. We desire to express our congratulations and best thanks for this action and would like you to convey our appreciation to the Ministers of your Government, the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Fisheries, for bringing about this happy state of affairs.

We feel it is scarcely necessary to point out that this enlightened step, made by a Government which is internationally known for its progressiveness in furthering the material development of the State of Western Australia, will be a tremendous fillip to the cause of conservation throughout the world. It should serve as a wonderful stimulus to the various developing nations, who have recently gained independence, and who have important animal species now in their care and whose fate has been causing some concern in wildlife conservation circles.

The Two People Bay area is now known to contain in fair numbers two other bird species (the Western Whip-bird and the Bristle-bird) which in the past had been feared to be approaching extinction. This providential concentration of rare birds in a protected area, which has other natural history attractions, will give Two People Bay world interest.

We would like you to know that we are giving the widest possible publicity in our campaign to this forward-thinking action of your Government."