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Circular Letter E.L. 41 /75

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Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956

Marriage Gratuities

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's circular letters E.L. 33/74 of 13th September, 1974 and E.L. 50/74 of 20th November, 1974 notifying local authorities of interim arrangements for the payment of marriage gratuities following the removal of the marriage bar in the local authority service and to state that a number of enquiries are being received in the Department from female officers and from local authorities regarding the duration of the "reasonable period" referred to in line 13 of circular letter E.L. 33/74. Where such enquiries were received local authorities and individual officers were informed that it was anticipated that the reasonable period referred to would be two years. It is now considered desirable to advise local authorities generally of this matter. Accordingly, the position is that a female officer may be paid a marriage gratuity where she ceases to hold her office within two years of the date of her marriage.

Local authorities are requested to bring the terms of this circular letter to the notice of all female officers, particularly those who are married. In this connection it should be noted that the marriage bar was removed on 2nd August, 1973.

Mise, le meas,

G. G. Keenan

To each local authority