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Circular letter E.L. 33/74

13 September, 1974.

Removal of Marriage Bar

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to Department's circular letter E.L. 30/73 dated 2nd August, 1973, and in particular, to paragraph 6 which states that "marriage gratuities are not payable to women who remain in office after marriage". A number of enquiries have been received in the Department as to when precisely ~~a female~~ officer must cease to hold her office by reason of her marriage to qualify for a gratuity. The present position is that a female officer who is eligible for a marriage gratuity under the provisions of section 22 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956 at the time of her marriage need not necessarily cease to hold her office before or immediately after her marriage to qualify for such gratuity. She may still be paid a marriage gratuity where she ceases to hold her office within a reasonable period after the marriage. A further circular letter will issue to local authorities on this point as soon as possible. In the interim a local authority may pay a marriage gratuity to any female officer who remains in office for a period following her marriage if she resigns subsequently by reason of her marriage.

Mise, le meas,

*G M Bowles*

To each local authority.