

BF/MKP

4th February 2008

JBB CIRCULAR NO: 16/2008

To: The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer - All Branch Boards

Dear Sir/Madam,

Income Tax – Flat Rate Expense Allowance

Following discussions with H.M. Revenue and Customs, I have secured the Revenue's agreement for another increase on the Flat Rate Expense Allowance from £110.00 to £140.00 with effect from 6th April 2008.

The PAYE, SA and NICS of HM Revenue and Customs have advised the tax offices of this increase and they have shown the increases on the HMRC Website at www.hmre.gov.uk/manuals/eimanual/eim32712htm

Members will receive an amended Tax Code showing the increased allowance prior to the 6th April 2008. This increased allowance commencing on the 6th April 2008 will continue until a review in later years.

Should any Branch Boards have any queries regarding the allowance from members, those queries should go to the taxation office that covers your Force.

Circular no. 29/2007 referred to the increased allowance from £55.00 to £110.00. All local tax offices had been informed by the HMRC Technical Division of this increase which covered 2007/2008 tax year.

The new tax system has grouped the allowances into five bands, our new allowance is now in the top band.

Should you require any further assistance please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Fenlon
Treasurer