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THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FIGURES FOR 1990.

In accordance with the definition of Average Weekly Earnings in the Work Health Act the amount to be used for 1990 is $515.70. The annual equivalent is $26,816.40.

This has an effect on the following sections of the Act.

Section 3(1)/Regulation 4/Worker Definition

Domestic employees - persons paid at a rate of 13% of the annual equivalent or more.

Therefore, domestics paid:

(1) $3,486.13 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $67.04 per week or more, are workers.

Persons involved in Sporting Activities - paid at a rate of or more than 65% of the annual equivalent or more.

Therefore sports persons being paid:

(1) $17,430.66 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $335.20 per week or more, are workers.

Section 62/Regulation 6/Benefits Payable on Death

(1) Funeral Benefits - Maximum amount payable is 10% of the Annual Equivalent. ($26,816.40) = $2,681.64.

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(2) Death Benefits - 156 times Average Weekly Earnings = $80,449.20.

Section 63 - Dependents Childrens' Benefits - 7% of Average Weekly Earnings = $36.10 (Maximum of 10).

Section 65 (1) - Maximum Compensation Benefit.

The maximum amount payable for a worker after 26 weeks of compensation - 70% of 150% of Average Weekly Earning = $541.49.

Section 65 (2) (3) - Calculation of loss of earning capacity - indexing factor. Persons on long term benefits should have their entitlement adjusted on the 1st January each year. The multiplying factors are as follows:

1987 - $\frac{\text{Average weekly earnings 1990}}{\text{Average weekly earnings 1987}} = \frac{515.70}{450.90} = 1.145$

1988 - $\frac{\text{Average weekly earnings 1990}}{\text{Average weekly earnings 1988}} = \frac{515.70}{484.30} = 1.065$

1989 - $\frac{\text{Average weekly earnings 1990}}{\text{Average weekly earnings 1989}} = \frac{515.70}{493.60} = 1.045$

Section 65 (7) - Minimum compensation benefit after 6 months. Worker $225.56. Dependent spouse $57.25. Dependent children $28.62.

Section 71 - Assessment of permanent impairment benefit. Maximum amount payable = 104 times average weekly earnings = $53,632.80.

Information provided in these bulletins is done so in good faith and is believed to be accurate, however, some matters could be subject to legal questions.