RESCIND LOCATION ALLOWANCE GENERAL ORDER NO. 24/2019 AND ISSUE A NEW GENERAL ORDER WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION : 2020 WAIRC 00340

CORAM : SENIOR COMMISSIONER S J KENNER

COMMISSIONER T EMMANUEL

COMMISSIONER T B WALKINGTON

HEARD:

DELIVERED : MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2020

FILE NO. : APPL 10 OF 2020

BETWEEN: COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

Applicant

AND

(NOT APPLICABLE)

Respondent

Catchwords : Industrial law WA - Adjustment to location allowances

under State awards - CPI increases - General order issued

Legislation : Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)

Result : General order issued

Representation:

Ms N Chisolm and Mr B Entrekin on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Commerce

Mr P Moss on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA (Inc)

Mr T Dymond on behalf of UnionsWA

Reasons for Decision

- In accordance with the Commission's usual practice, the Commission of its own motion has undertaken a review of location allowances applying under State awards. The s 50 parties under the *Industrial Relations Act 1979* (WA) were notified of the review and informed that the Commission intended to increase location allowances by 2.32% reflecting the Consumer Price Index for Perth (excluding housing) from the March 2019 to the March 2020 quarters. Schedules, incorporating the proposed revised amounts for each affected award, were also provided to the s 50 parties for their review and comment.
- All parties agree to the proposed adjustments to location allowances. Accordingly, the Commission in Court Session now intends to make a general order under s 50 of the Act, adjusting location allowances under State awards effective from 1 July 2020.
- A minute of proposed general order is now published. If any party wishes to speak to the minutes, they should inform the Associate to the Senior Commissioner by no later than close of business Wednesday, 17 June 2020.