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Ex-Gratia Awards to Mrs. Cassandra Buckley and
Miss Iris Parker

The approval of the House of Representatives is sought for the payment of an ex-gratia award to:

- (i) Mrs. Cassandra Buckley, formerly a Female Orderly in the Ministry of Health, who retired on the ground of ill health with effect from the 14th December, 1964; and
- (ii) Miss Iris Parker, formerly a Hospital Cook in the Ministry of Health, who retired on the ground of age with effect from the 13th December, 1964.

2. In accordance with Section 7(1) of the Provident Fund Law, Chapter 315, every person who became an employee after the 8th of May, 1947 and held a post listed in the First Schedule to the Law became a depositor from the date of the commencement of the Law (21st November, 1947) or from the date on which he first drew any salary in respect of the office that brought him within the provisions of the Law.

Under this provision Mrs. Buckley and Miss Parker should have contributed to the Provident Fund during the period from the 12th December, 1957, when their posts of Hospital Maid were added to the First Schedule to the Provident Fund Law, to their respective dates of retirement.

Due to an oversight, however, no contributions were ever deducted from Mrs. Buckley's salary and deductions from Miss Parker's salary only commenced on the 24th of July, 1960, when she was appointed as Assistant Cook. It is considered, however, that they should suffer no loss of benefits in respect of the periods during which they should have contributed to the Provident Fund, and it is, accordingly, recommended that they should each be paid an ex-gratia award representing the bonus (Government's contributions) and interest which they would have received under the Law if they had contributed to the Fund. This recommendation is in keeping with the policy adopted in such cases and the amounts involved are £64. 19. 5d in respect of Mrs. Buckley and £71. 5. 9d in respect of Miss Parker.

3. The House is accordingly invited to approve the proposal above as a charge against the "Compassionate Awards" Subhead of the "Pensions" Head of Estimates.

A Resolution to give effect to the proposal will be moved by me in due course.

D. B. SANGSTER
Acting Prime Minister and
Minister of Finance
16th January, 1967.

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