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REVISION OF POSTAL RATES

Owing to the increasing deficit on the operations of the Post and Telegraph Department, it has been decided to increase certain postal rates in order to provide additional annual revenue of approximately £160,000, and so partially offset the deficit. The increases are shown in an Appendix. The necessary amending Orders and/or Regulations under the Post Office Law, Cap. 301, and the Telegraph Law, Cap. 377 will be made and gazetted.

2. The deficits<sup>now</sup> operations (excluding Capital Expenditure and maintenance of buildings) over the four-year period from 1964/65 to 1967/68 are as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Recurrent Expenditure</u> £	<u>Revenue</u> £	<u>Deficit</u> £
1964/65	2,093,458	1,448,041	645,417
1965/66	2,153,899	1,426,382	727,517
1966/67	2,328,059	1,414,381	913,678
1967/68 (estimated)	2,498,701	1,564,380	934,321

It will be seen that whilst expenditure has increased by approximately 19%, revenue had risen by only 8%. As a result the deficit has increased by nearly 45% over the period.

3. The Post and Telegraph Department is now examining the costs of the various services it provides to determine where a deficit is being incurred with a view to reducing or eliminating such deficit by revision of rates and/or by increased efficiency and productivity. The Telegraph Service has already been examined and similar action will be taken in respect of the following:-



Inland Letters  
Overseas Letters  
Registration  
Services performed for other Departments  
Parcel Posts (Duty Parcels)  
Inland Parcels  
Overseas Parcels  
Postal Orders and Money Orders  
Agency Services

4. Telegraph Service

In 1966/67 cost of the operations of this Service was £373,862 and with a revenue of only £168,386, it sustained a loss of £205,476. The rates were increased in 1963 from 1/6 to 2/- for a minimum of 12 words and from ½d to 2d for each additional word, and a further upward revision is therefore necessary. It is to be noted that the demand for the service has risen from 932,000 telegrams in 1964 to 1,063,000 telegrams in 1967. This Service has been under constant review to improve its efficiency and reliability and to expand its facilities. In order to expedite the handling of telegrams, an automatic Tape relay system is now being installed at a total cost of about £62,000 and other improvements eg. installation of additional teleprinter machines, are also being undertaken.

It has therefore been decided to increase the basic rate for telegrams from 2/- to 2/6 for a minimum of 12 words. This is expected to realise an additional sum which will reduce the loss on the service to about £150,000. The cost of operating the service will be re-examined further.

5. Overseas Parcel Rates - Bahamas

In view of the fact that the Bahamian Postal Administration is now charging for handling parcels destined for their Administration, it is necessary for the



Jamaican Postal Administration to recover full costs. This explains the sharp increase in these rates.

o. Mail Rates for Armed Forces

These rates are paid by Her Majesty's Forces serving overseas. These represent an upward adjustment to fall in line with the increases in concessionary rates charged by the United Kingdom Postal Authorities.

7. Effective Dates

It will be observed from the Appendix that most of the rates will become effective on 1st July, 1968. The reason is that Jamaica, as a member of the Universal Postal Union is required to give adequate notice to other members before changes in the international rates become effective. In cases where this is not applicable, the effective date is 1st June 1968.

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Minister of Communications and Works,  
19th April, 1968.

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APPENDIX

<u>Item</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1. International Surface Letters	1st oz. 6d ea. add. oz. 4d	1st oz. 9d ea. add. oz. 5d	1.7.68
2. International Postcards (Surface)	Single 4d Reply paid 9d	5d 1d	1.7.68
3. Commonwealth Post- cards (Surface)	Single 2½d Reply paid 5d	3d 6d	1.7.68
4. Small Packets	1st 10 ozs. 1/- (minimum) ea. add. 2 ozs. 3d	1st 10 ozs. 1/6 (minimum) ea. add 2 ozs. 4d	1.7.68
5. Printed Papers (Inland)	1st 2 ozs. 1½d ea. add. 2 ozs. 1d	1st 2 ozs. 2d. ea add. 2 ozs. 1d	1.7.68
6. Air Letter Forms (or Aerogrammes)	6d	9d	1.7.68
7. Registration Fees	Compensation up to £2 - 6d	Compensation up to £10 (minimum fee) 9d	1.7.68
8. Telegrams	For 12 words 2/- ea. add. word 2d	For 12 words 2/6 ea. add. word 2d.	1.6.68
9. Customs Clearance (Fees on incoming) parcels & packets	1/-	1/6	1.7.68
10. Reclamation Fee	4d	6d	1.7.68
11. Advice of Delivery cards	2d	4d	1.7.68
12. Letters ) AIR MAIL) (a) 8d per ½ oz as per list (b) 6d attached		(a) 1/- (b) 9d	1.7.68
13. Postcards (AIR MAIL) per ½ oz as per list attached	5d	6d	1.7.68
14. Private Business Wireless Licences (Since 1958)	£3	£4	1.6.68
15. Overseas Parcel) Rates - Bahamas)	Up to 2lbs. 4/- Up to 3 lbs. 5/9	7/6 11/-	1.6.68 ) )



<u>Item</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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	Up to 7 lbs. 11/3	17/-	1.6.68 )
	Up to 11 lbs. 18/6	26/-	
	Up to 22 lbs. 29/9	50/-	
16. International Printed Papers (Surface)	1st 2 ozs. 3d ea. 2 ozs. after 1½d	4d 2d	1.7.68
17. Samples (Overseas Surface)	1st 4 ozs. 6d ea 2 ozs. after 1½d	8d 2d	1.7.68
18. 2nd Class Rates (AIR MAIL) <i>see also List C</i>	ea. ½ oz. 4d	6d	1.7.68

MAIL RATES FOR HER MAJESTY FORCES OVERSEAS

SURFACE MAIL

Letters - first oz.	2d	4d	1.6.68
ea. add. oz.	1½d	1½d	
Post Cards - single	1½d	3d	1.6.68

Parcels: not exceeding

3 lbs.	1/6	3/3	1.6.68 )
7 lbs.	2/6	4/3	
11 lbs.	4/-	5/6	
22 lbs.	6/-	8/6	

AIR MAIL  
LETTERS

Forces Air Letter Forms	3d	4d	1.6.68 )
Letters up to 1½ ozs.	6d	6d	
each succeeding ½ oz.	3d	6d	
<u>POST CARDS</u>	2½d	4d	)



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DESTINATION

Letters - Air Mail

Argentina  
Aruba  
Bermuda  
Bonaire  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Curacao  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Falkland Islands  
French Guiana  
French West Indies  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras (Rep. of )  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama, Republic of  
Panama, Canal Zone  
Paraguay  
Peru  
St. Pierre and Miquelon  
Surinam  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Virgin Islands ( U.S.A.)

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DESTINATION

Post Cards - Air Mail

Argentina  
Aruba  
Bermuda  
Bonaire  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Curacao  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Falkland Islands  
French Guiana  
French West Indies  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras (Rep. of)  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama, Republic of  
Panama, Canal Zone  
Paraguay  
Peru  
St. Pierre and Miquelon  
Surinam  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Virgin Islands ( U.S.A)  
United States of  
America

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Commonwealth Caribbean  
Territories

Bahamas  
Barbados  
British Honduras  
Dominica

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Grenada

Guyana

Leeward Islands (including Antigua, Anguilla,  
St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat)

St. Lucia

St. Vincent

Tortola ( British Virgin Islands)

Trinidad and Tobago

Turks and Caicos Islands

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