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Details of new postal charges tabled in House

Details of new postal charges effective from July 1 were presented in a Ministry Paper tabled in the House of Representatives Thursday by the Minister of Public Utilities and Transport, the Hon. Carlyle Dunkley.

The new rates, announced by the Minister of Finance last week, reflect increases in inland mails and services of 50% and on international mails and services ranging from 75% to 100%.

Some \$2.5 million in revenue will accrue for financial year 1979/80.

Certain other changes have also been introduced affecting newspapers sent by air mail, airmail postcards, and air parcel post.

Newspapers sent by air mail is to be removed as a category of post and newspapers treated as "Second Class Matter". The new rates will be 16 cents per half oz. in this hemisphere, 20 cents to the United Kingdom and Europe (except Cyprus and U.S.S.R.); and 28 cents elsewhere.

Inland postage of newspapers will be increased from 5 cents to 8 cents per copy, irrespective of weight but to a maximum of 1½ lb.

The airmail postcard has been calculated at a common rate for all destinations, instead of at a different rate for each of three regions. The rate will be 22 cents.

Air parcel post charges were formerly calculated on a single unit — per half pound. Instead of a flat rate for each half pound of weight, there is to be a charge for the first pound and a reduced charge for each additional pound.

The new inland postal charges will increase the postage for a letter from 10 cents, to 15 cents, postcards from 5 cents to 8 cents, and parcels from 12 cents per lb to 18 cents.

The cost for ordinary telegrams will increase from 35 cents for the first 12 words plus 3 cents for each additional word to 50 cents and 4 cents. Priority telegrams. will cost 55 cents for the: first 12 words and four cents for each additional word — an increase from the present 45 cents and 3 cents.

The new schedule of rates will be gazetted shortly the Minister Paper said.