

## D.M.'s comments on Glossary of Terms.

### 1. N.A. scale rate, basic scale.

~~I used basic allowance plus rent~~ (or mortgage interest) because this is the one sum which can be known easily. Complications arise with allowing for relatives in the house because they are not always assessed by the NAB as contributing fully. Thus, two teenage sons who are not steady workers appear to be assessed at 2/6 each, but are probably a liability. I was trying to get at what the mother was entitled to as the head of a national assistance household, and then I was comparing what she actually received (NA plus relatives' contributions etc) against this.

Complications arise where the rent is paid directly, or where the national assistance fatherless family is lodging with another national assistance family. In both instances the family interviewed received no rent, and <sup>their</sup> all other incomes must appear proportionately larger if the basic scale excluding rent is used for these families.

### 2. Poverty line.

I didn't really use the NA 100% line as a poverty base, but merely to calculate whether my families really lived at the 140% Peter and Brian suggest. Their line appears a bit misleading in one way because most of the families on assistance are old people who do better with allowances than fatherless families at least.

### 3. Regular weekly household income.

~~My~~ Regular weekly household income was slightly more complicated in that <sup>it was</sup> I corrected not only for relatives giving money, but also for that proportion of money which the household must spend on that relative i.e. if a family on national assistance received a net income of £2 above NA scale rate, then I ~~split~~ <sup>was split</sup> the £2 between the national recipients and the relative (using proportions based on



#### 4 Household income.

Seems to be fair agreement here, except for Hilary's estimate of what food costs. ~~£~~ Says 35/- merely because it makes nicer numbers to split up for individual meals: breakfast 5/-, lunch 10/-, dinner £1. Quite untenable.

#### 5. Assessible Incomes.

Some room for disagreement here since you can either add in those sums which the NAB knows about and ignores (like education maintenance), or you can leave them out as not affecting assessment. It really depends what we want this figure for. Difficult to take account of bus fares, and this is usually done by inference from what the NAB has assessed i.e. the question which assessible income answers is of the type - did the NAB allow for the fact that this mother spends x on bus fares, out of her wage of y.

#### 6. Official income.

Don't know if this is much use. Can't remember now why I worked it out, although it seemed a good idea at the time. It really means, what does the NAB think this family gets, but it's a rather artificial construct since the NAB doesn't issue figures for this, does it?

#### Addenda

There isn't a term for this point, but I know John and I have used different conceptions of certain incomes like welfare benefits, cash given for TV, school clothing grants etc. I'm open to conversion on this since the sums are small, but at the moment we're arguing for different principles and the matter ought to be raised at the meeting on Friday.

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There is no fair assessment here, except for the  
of what has been done. I say 55% - nearly  
in terms of the number of people who have  
benefited. I say 55% - nearly 60%.

5. Assessable Income

Some people for development are still not  
and in those areas which the F.P. knows about and James  
education maintained, or you can leave them out as not  
assessable. It really does matter what we want to  
figure for. It would be a fair account of the assets, and  
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6. Social Factors

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worked it out, although it seemed a good idea at the time.  
It really didn't work out too well, but I'll try to  
put it in a better position of things, and the  
doesn't have figures for this, but I'll

Appendix

There are a few other points, but I know them and I  
have had different people report of certain things like  
welfare benefits, and give for TV, school clothing, and  
etc. I'm not so conversant on this since the same are small  
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