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The Secretary,
New Zealand Home Birth Association,
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Dear Madam,

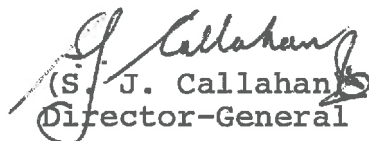
Your letter to the Department of Social Welfare at Auckland concerning the Home Aid Service has been referred to this office for reply.

It is confirmed that the charge for Home Aid Service in Auckland has been increased. This was done to bring the charge into line with the ruling rate of pay for persons employed as home helpers under Home Help schemes operated by the Hospital Board and this Department.

Previously the position was inequitable as those receiving the Home Aid Service were only required to pay \$18 a week whereas those using the home help service had to pay a considerably higher rate.

I would however explain that this Department has authority to grant financial assistance towards the cost of home help where such help is essential and the family is unable to meet the cost from its own resources.

Yours faithfully,


(S. J. Callahan)
Director-General