1. **Occasion:** The Official Opening and Blessing of St. Anne's Welfare Home, Clifden, on Thursday, 17th August 1972.

2. **General Outline:**
   
   (a) The Building will be officially opened by Mr. P.S. O Muireadhaigh, Secretary, Department of Health.

   (b) The Building will be blessed by:
       
       His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cunnane, Archbishop of Tuam; and
       
       Right Rev. Dr. J.C. Duggan, the Lord Bishop of Tuam, Killala & Achonry.

3. **Procedures:**
   
   (a) The Chairman, Members of the Board and C.E.O. will attend the Board Meeting in St. Joseph's School at 11.00. At 12.00 they will drive to St. Anne's Welfare Home.

   (b) His Grace, the Archbishop, will arrive at St. Anne's at 12.00 and will be met by Donal O Shea, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care and the Matron, Sister Carmel. His Grace will celebrate Mass at 12.15 in the Oratory.

   (c) At 12.50 His Lordship the Bishop will arrive and will be met by Mr. O Shea.

   (d) At 13.00 Mr. O Muireadhaigh will cut a tape to mark the official opening.

   (e) At 13.05 Addresses from:
       
       Mr. T.C. O Muireachaigh, Secretary, Department of Health
       
       Councillor T. King, Chairman, Western Health Board
       
       Senator J. Mannion, MCC, Clifden
       
       Mr. P.D. Joyce, MCC, Clifden

   (f) At 13.20 Buffet Reception in Welfare Home.

4. **Summary of Events:**
   
   11.00 Board Meeting, St. Joseph's School, Convent grounds.
   
   12.00 Meeting ends. Chairman, Members and C.E.O. transfer to St. Anne's.
   
   12.00 Archbishop arrives at St. Anne's.
   
   12.15 Mass in Oratory
   
   12.50 Bishop arrives at St. Anne's.
   
   13.00 Mr. O Muireadhaigh cuts tape.
   
   13.01 Blessing of St. Anne's by Archbishop & Bishop.
   
   13.05 Addresses.
   
   13.20 Buffet.

---

E. Hannan
Chief Executive Officer
To: Each Member of the Board.

Dear Member,

I desire to inform you that the next meeting of the Board will be held at the Convent of Mercy, Clifden at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th August, to consider Agenda as set out hereunder.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. O. Laoghaire,
Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.

2. Verification of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 3rd July, 1972 (Copy herewith).

3. Authorisation of supplementary loan of £143,000 for new Sacred Heart Home Scheme, Castlebar.

4. (1) Appointments to Local Committees for Counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon (Schedule herewith showing:
   (a) Appointments already made by respective County Councils.
   (b) Officers to be appointed from staffs of Health Board and County Councils.
   (c) Persons associated with Voluntary Organisations concerned with Social Service.
   (d) Nominations received from representative bodies).
   (2) Appointment of days for holding first meeting of each Local Committee.

5. Appointment of four representatives on Galway Regional Hospital Board. (Copy of Health (Hospital Bodies) Regulations 1972 herewith).

7. Increases from 1st August, 1972:
   (a) Disabled Persons' Maintenance Allowances.
   (b) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.

8. To arrange time and date of special meeting of Board to consider Budget for 1973/74.

9. Business submitted by Chief Executive Officer:
   (1) Choice of Doctor and Choice of Pharmacist Schemes.
   (2) Establishment of Psychiatric Units at:
       (a) County Hospital, Roscommon.
       (b) District Hospital, Ballina.
   (3) Establishment of College of Nursing in Galway.
   (4) Admission and Treatment Unit, St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar.
   (5) E.N.T. Services - County Mayo.
   (6) Kiltimagh Cottage Hospital - Welfare Home.

10. Notice of Motion:
    "That Standing Orders of the Western Health Board be amended as follows:
    (1) By the addition of the following paragraph:
        (i) A deputation shall not be heard by the Board unless the Board has decided at a previous meeting to hear it.
        (ii) A request to the Board to receive a deputation shall be submitted in writing on the motion of a Member of the Board signed by himself
Appointed by County Council:

John Callanan, Callow, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.

Paddy Collins, Moneen, Menlough, Ballinasloe.

Mrs. Maura Croffy, Creagh, Ballinasloe.

Mr. John Donnellan, Dovepark, Moycullen.

Brendan Holland, Williamsgate Street, Galway.

John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar, Galway.

Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.

Mrs. Sally Fahy, Rakerrin, Gort.

Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell.

Tom Clarke, Carraroe.

Michael Geraghty, Carna.

Seamus Kyne, Rusheen West, Clonbur.

Frank Glynn, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam.

Tom Hussey, T.D., Patch, Glenamaddy.

Peter Raftery, Ballygar.
County Manager, or Assistant County Manager, or Assistant Manager or Senior Officer of the Local Authority designated by the Manager after consultation with the Council.

Mr. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager.

To be Appointed by the Health Board

Dr. P. D. Power, County Medical Officer.

Dr. J. R. Shea, R.M.S., St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe.

Mr. T. Mac Lochlainn, Acting Superintendent Assistance Officer.

Mrs. Joan McNicholl, Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children, Kingston, Taylors Hill, Galway.

Mr. Patrick Butler, Galway Social Services Centre, 13, Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.

Nominated by Representative Bodies

Mr. B. Murphy, Consultant Surgeon, Regional Hospital, Galway.

Dr. M. J. Dyar, General Practitioner, Loughrea.

Dr. N. O'Beirn, R.M.S., Regional Hospital, Galway.

Mr. Tomas O Baoill, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Brian Kelly, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe.


Dr. P. J. Moroney, B.D.S., Co. Buildings, Galway.

Mrs. Sile Clarke, M.P.S.I., Melita, Newcastle, Galway.

Nominated by

The Irish Medical Association & Medical Union.

The Irish Medical Association & Medical Union.

The Irish Medical Association & Medical Union.

I.T.G.W.U.

Psychiatric Nurses' Association.

Irish Nurses' Organisation.

Irish Dental Association.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, &
The Irish Drug Association.
BORD SLAINTE AN IARThAIRE

Local Committees Established under Section 7 of the Health Act, 1970.

MAYO

Appointed by County Council:

S. O'Malley, Rosduane, Kilmeena, Westport.
M. J. O'Toole, Moneen, Louisburgh.
D. Gallagher, Currane, Achill.
H. Kenny, T.D., Derrycoosh, Rahins, Castlebar.
P. Flynn, Pound Road, Castlebar.
S. Nestor, Main St., Balla.*
J. Grennan, Kilmovee, Ballaghaderreen.
D. Kelly, Park Road, Swinford.
T. Durcan, Main Street, Charlestown.
E. Carey, Drum, Binghamstown, Ballina.
J. T. Barrett, Bangor-Erris, Ballina.
J. Browne, Main Street, Ballycastle.
M. Raftery, Ramolin, Shrule.
P. J. Morley, Crockaunrannell, Bekan, Claremorris.
J. Heneghan, Ballinrobe Demesne, Ballinrobe.
F. Devaney, Lahareane, Ballina.
Sen. J. Garrett, Milmurry, Castlehill, Ballina.
S. Calleary, Quignalecka, Ballina.

* This member has submitted his resignation which will become effective at the first meeting of the Local Committee.
County Manager, or Assistant County Manager, or Assistant Manager or Senior Officer of the Local Authority designated by the Manager after consultation with the Council.

Mr. G. Ward, County Manager.

To be Appointed by the Health Board

Dr. L. O'Shea, County Medical Officer.
Dr. M. J. Gilvarry, R.M.S., St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar.
Mr. J. Griffin, Superintendent Assistance Officer.
Mr. John Gleeson, N.T., Ballina Community Centre, c/o Cashelville, Sligo Road, Ballina.
Mr. P. W. Kelly, Mayo Mental Health Association, Blackfort, Castlebar.

Nominated by Representative Bodies

Dr. A. M. Bourke,
Consultant Anaesthetist,
Co. Hospital, Castlebar.

Dr. S. P. Maquire,
General Practitioner,
The Mall, Castlebar.

Dr. H. G. Farrell,
General Practitioner,
Dun Maeve, Newport Road, Westport.

Michael Neary,
Registered Psychiatric Nurse,
St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar.

Miss C. P. Gardiner,
Registered Public Health Nurse,
Co. Clinic, Castlebar.

Dr. Peter Walsh, B.D.S.,
Park Road, Swinford.

Mr. J. P. Heneghan, M.P.S.I.,
Edison Street, Castlebar.

Nominated by

The Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.

The Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.

The Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.

I.T.G.W.U.

Irish Nurses' Organisation.

Irish Dental Association.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland & The Irish Drug Association.
Local Committees Established under Section 7 of the
Health Act, 1970.

ROSCOMMON

Appointed by County Council:

D. D’Alton, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.
G. Dodd, Main Street, Boyle.
J. Doherty, Cropehall, Boyle.
C. Duignan, Rathallen, Croghan, Boyle.
C. Feely, Tarmon House, Boyle.
P. Finneran, Onagh, Taughmaconnell, Ballinasloe.
J. J. Grenham, Cloonfad, Oldtown, Athlone.
E. Keaveney, Castletennison Demesne, Ballyfarnon, Boyle.
M. Kilbride, Main Street, Ballaghaderreen.
W. J. McGuire, Fairbanks, Strokestown.
M. T. Mitchell, Ballinlough.
P. Moynan, Ballinlough.
J. P. O’Callaghan, Main Street, Castlerea.
S. Scott, Gortnacrannagh, Elphin.
Co. Council

Mr. S. Gillan, County Manager.

To be Appointed by the Health Board

Dr. H. M. Weir, County Medical Officer.

Dr. J. V. Halpenny, R.M.S., St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea.

Dr. F. C. Friel, Supt. Assistance Officer.

Mr. Dermot McDermott, Association for the Care of the Mentally Handicapped, Knockroe, Castlerea.


Nominated by Representative Bodies

Dr. J. J. Walls,
Co. Physician,
Co. Hospital, Roscommon.

Dr. A. J. Fitzgerald,
General Practitioner,
Ballaghaderreen.

Dr. William Lyster,
General Practitioner,
Strokestown.

Mr. Martin Lavin,
Registered Psychiatric Nurse,
St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea.

Mr. John McLoughlin,
Registered Psychiatric Nurse,
St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea.

Miss B. Maloney,
Registered Public Health Nurse,
Courthouse, Roscommon.

Dr. James Frain, B.D.S.,
New Street, Ballaghaderreen.

Mr. Patrick M. Guerin, M.P.S.I.,
Round Tower, Roscommon.

Nominated by

The Medical Union.

The Medical Union.

The Medical Union.

I.T.G.W.U.

Psychiatric Nurses' Association.

The Irish Nurses' Organisation,

Irish Dental Association.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland & The Irish Drug Association.
29th August, 1972.

To: Each Member of the Board.

Dear Member,

I desire to inform you that the next meeting of the Board will be held at the District Hospital, Swinford, Co. Mayo, at 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 4th September, 1972, to consider Agenda as set out hereunder.

The Members will assemble at the District Hospital, Swinford, at 3.00 p.m. and visit the District and Fever Hospitals prior to the meeting.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. O Laoghaire,
Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Verification of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 17th August, 1972. (Copy herewith)
3. Authorisation of Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of £1,000,000 for Quarter ending 31st December, 1972.
5. To consider consenting to assignment of lease of Oughterard Workhouse na n-Ospideal, and welcoming Councillor O'Callaghan to the Board.

Minutes:

Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd July, 1972, copies of which had been circulated, were adopted on the proposal of Mr. T. S. O Bacill, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, and then signed by the Chairman.
lands, held by Mr. J. H. Joyce, to Galway County Council for industrial purposes.

6. Business submitted by Chief Executive Officer.

(1) Progress Report.

(a) Choice of Doctor and Choice of Pharmacist Schemes.

(b) Mental Handicap Complex at Glebe, Galway. (near Merlin Park).

7. Notices of Motion:

(1) "That the Western Health Board proceed as early as possible with the erection of a residence for the dispensary doctor in the town of Woodford including a surgery and waiting rooms, and also accommodation for the district nurse."

Signed: Edward Haverty.

(2) "That we request the Departments of Education and Health to sanction the establishment of a full-time course for training of Laboratory Technicians at Galway Regional College of Technology as from October 1972."

Signed: J. D. Kennedy.

Minutes: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd July, 1972, copies of which had been circulated, were adopted on the proposal of Mr. T. S. O Baoil, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, and then signed by the Chairman.
Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Board held at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th August, 1972, at Convent of Mercy, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Present: Councillor T. King, Chairman - who presided.


Apologies: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. P. C. Bresnihan and J. Cullen.

In Attendance: Messrs. E. Hannan, Chief Executive Officer; T. P. Keyes, Programme Manager, General Hospital Care; D. O'Shea, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care; Dr. M. J. Gilvarry, R.M.S., and Mr. L. Reidy, Acting Secretary, St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar. Dr. J. V. Halpenny, R.M.S., St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea. Dr. M. Casey, Medical Officer, District Hospital, Clifden. Messrs. J. O'Reilly and J. Fitzmaurice, Staff Officers, and J. O'Leary, Secretary.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Chairman.

Congratulations and Welcome: Mr. T. King, Chairman, congratulated Mr. E. Hannan, Chief Executive Officer, and Professor B. McNicholl, Consultant Paediatrician, on their appointment to Comhairle na n-Ospideal, and welcomed Councillor J. P. O'Callaghan, the new member from Roscommon County Council in place of the late Councillor B. J. Forde. Chief Executive Officer and Councillor O'Callaghan thanked the Chairman for his remarks, the former also congratulating Professor McNicholl on his appointment to Comhairle na n-Ospideal, and welcoming Councillor O'Callaghan to the Board.

Minutes: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd July, 1972, copies of which had been circulated, were adopted on the proposal of Mr. T. S. O Baoill, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, and then signed by the Chairman.
Supplementary Loan of £143,000 - Sacred Heart Home, Castlebar:

Chief Executive Officer stated that the total estimated cost of the new Sacred Heart Home, Castlebar, due for completion on 31st October, 1972, was £830,000. Loans totalling £687,000 had been approved and authority to raise a further £143,000 was required. It was proposed by Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. T. S. Ó Baoill and resolved that:

"we hereby authorise the raising of a supplementary loan of £143,000 for the erection of the new Sacred Heart Home, Castlebar."

Local Committees - (1) Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Senator J. M. Mannion, seconded by Councillor E. Carey, the following were appointed to the Local Committee for Co. Galway, established by the Minister for Health under Section 7 of the Health Act 1970, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, of the Health (Local Committees) Regulations 1972:

Dr. P. D. Power, County Medical Officer,
Dr. J. R. Shea, R.M.S., St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe.
Mr. T. McLoughlin, Acting Supt. Assistance Officer,
Mrs. Joan McNicholl, Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children, Kingston, Taylor's Hill, Galway.
Mr. Patrick Butler, Galway Social Services Centre,
13 Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.
Mr. B. Murphy, Consultant Surgeon, Regional Hospital, Galway, nominated by the Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.
Dr. M. J. Dyar, General Practitioner, Loughrea, nominated by the Irish Medical Association and the Medical Union.
Dr. N. O'Beirn, R.M.S., Regional Hospital, Galway, nominated by the Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.
Dr. P. J. Moroney, B.D.S., Co. Buildings, Galway, nominated by the Irish Dental Association,

Mrs. Sile Clarke, M.P.S.I., Melita, Newcastle, Galway, nominated by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland and the Irish Drug Association.

A vote was taken on the appointment of Mr. Tomas O Baoill, and Mr. Brian Kelly, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, nominated by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and The Psychiatric Nurses' Association, respectively, which resulted as follows:

For Mr. T. O Baoill -  Councillor E. Carey, Miss D. Casey, Dr. M. J. Dyar, Dr. L. Hanniffy, Councillor E. Haverty, Councillor P. D. Joyce, Professor J. D. Kennedy, Councillor T. King, Senator M. D. Lyons, Dr. M. J. McLoughlin, Senator J. M. Mannion, Mr. T. O Baoill, Mr. P. O Cathain, Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, Dr. P. D. Power, Councillor M. Ryan.

Total Votes: 16.

For Mr. Brian Kelly - Mr. J. Costello, Councillor J. P. O'Callaghan, Councillor D. O'Rourke.

Total Votes: 3.

Mr. Tomas O Baoill, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, was accordingly declared appointed to Local Committee for Co. Galway.

2. Co. Mayo:

On the proposal of Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor E. Carey, the following were appointed to the Local Committee for Co. Mayo, established by the Minister for Health under Section 7 of the Health Act 1970, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the Health (Local Committees) Regulations 1972:

Dr. L. Ó Sé, County Medical Officer.
Dr. M. J. Gilvarry, R.M.S., St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar.
Mr. J. Griffin, Supt. Assistance Officer.
Mr. John Gleeson, N.T., Ballina Community Centre, c/o Cashelville, Sligo Road, Ballina.
Mr. P. W. Kelly, Mayo Mental Health Association, Blackfort, Castlebar.
Dr. A. M. Bourke, Consultant Anaesthetist, Co. Hospital, Castlebar, nominated by the Irish Medical Association, and the Medical Union.
Dr. S. P. Maguire, General Practitioner, The Mall, Castlebar, nominated by the Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.
Dr. H. G. Farrell, General Practitioner, Dun Maeve, Newport Road, Westport, nominated by the Irish Medical Association and The Medical Union.
Mr. Michael Neary, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar, nominated by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.
Miss C. P. Gardiner, Registered Public Health Nurse, Co. Clinic, Castlebar, nominated by the Irish Nurses' Organisation.
Dr. Peter Walsh, B.D.S., Park Road, Swinford, nominated by the Irish Dental Association.
Mr. J. P. Heneghan, M.P.S.I., Ellison Street, Castlebar, nominated by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland and the Irish Drug Association.

3. Co. Roscommon:

On the proposal of Dr. M. J. McLoughlin, seconded by Dr. M. J. Mylotte, the following were appointed to the Local Committee for Co. Roscommon, established by the Minister for Health under Section 7 of the Health Act 1970, in accordance with Article 5 of Health (Local Committees) Regulations 1972:

Dr. H. M. Weir, County Medical Officer.
Dr. J. V. Halpenny, R.M.S., St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea.

Mr. F. C. Friel, Supt. Assistance Officer.

Mr. Dermot McDermott, Association for the Care of the Mentally Handicapped, Knockroe, Castlerea.

Mr. Dermot O'Donnell, The Legion of Mary, The Walk, Roscommon.

Dr. J. J. Walls, Co. Physician, Co. Hospital, Roscommon, nominated by The Medical Union.

Dr. A. J. Fitzgerald, General Practitioner, Ballaghaderreen, nominated by The Medical Union.

Dr. William Lyster, General Practitioner, Strokestown, nominated by the Medical Union.

Miss B. Maloney, Registered Public Health Nurse, Courthouse, Roscommon, nominated by the Irish Nurses' Organisation.

Dr. James Frain, B.D.S., New Street, Ballaghaderreen, nominated by The Irish Dental Association.

Mr. Patrick M. Guerin, M.P.S.I., Round Tower, Roscommon, nominated by The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland and The Irish Drug Association.

A vote was taken on the appointment of Mr. Martin Lavin or Mr. John McLoughlin, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, nominated by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and The Psychiatric Nurses' Association, respectively, which resulted as follows:

For Mr. Martin Lavin: - Mr. J. Costello, Dr. M. J. Dyar, Mr. M. J. Egan, Dr. L. Hannaiffy, Councillor E. Hawerty, Councillor P. D. Joyce, Professor J. D. Kennedy, Councillor T. King, Senator M. D. Lyons, Dr. M. J. McLoughlin, Senator J. M. Mannion, Dr. M. J. Mylotte, Mr. T. O Baoill, Councillor J. P. O'Callaghan, Councillor D. O'Rourke, Dr. P. D. Power, Dr. J. J. Tobin.

Total votes: 17
For Mr. John McLoughlin - Councillor E. Carey, Miss D. Casey, Mr. P. O' Cathain, Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, Councillor M. Ryan.

Total Votes: 5.

Mr. Martin Lavin, Registered Psychiatric Nurse, St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea, was accordingly declared appointed, to the Local Committee for Co. Roscommon.

4. First Meeting of Local Committees:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor D. O'Rourke, and resolved:

"That in accordance with Rule 9 of the Schedule to the Health (Local Committees) Regulations 1972, the first meetings of each Local Committee be held at the following times and venues:

Local Committee for Co. Galway - 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th September, 1972, in Galway.

Local Committee for Co. Mayo - 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th September, 1972, in Castlebar.

Local Committee for Co. Roscommon - 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th September, 1972, in Roscommon.

It was proposed by Mr. M. J. Egan, seconded by Mr. T. S. O Baoill, and resolved that:

"In accordance with Article 7 (4) of the Health (Hospital Bodies) Regulations 1972, we appoint the following representatives on Galway Regional Hospital Board, subject to Article 9 of the Regulations:

Councillor T. King, Chairman,

Senator M. D. Lyons, Vice-Chairman,

Councillor P. Concannon,

and Professor J. D. Kennedy.".

Memorandum of discussions with Mr. Charles Robinson of Messrs. McKinsey & Co., Management Consultants, on Monday, 31st July, 1972, attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and other
members and officers of the Board, circulated on 10th August, 1972, was considered. On the proposal of Professor J. D. Kennedy, seconded by Senator M. D. Lyons, it was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would send a copy of the memorandum to the Minister for Health and convey the Board's agreement with the views expressed by the representatives at the discussions.

Disabled Persons and Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances:

Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the Disabled Persons' (Maintenance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 1972, and the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations 1972, provided for increases of £0.50p per week to persons in receipt of Disabled Persons' Maintenance Allowance and in the case of persons in receipt of Infectious Disease Allowance, £0.80p for a person with a dependant spouse, £0.50p for a single person, and £0.40p in respect of each dependant other than a spouse. Increased allowances are payable from 1st August, 1972, and had been provided for in the Budget.

Budget for 1973/74 - Date of Special Meeting:

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, to arrange time and date of special meeting of the Board to consider Budget for 1973/74, at the Monthly Meeting on 2nd October, 1972.

Progress Report by Chief Executive Officer:

Chief Executive Officer reported that:

1. Choice of Doctor and Choice of Pharmacist Schemes: Most Medical Card holders had returned Choice of Doctor forms and these had been sent to the Central Pricing Bureau. Doctors participating in the Scheme would shortly receive a list of their patients and new medical cards would be sent to all existing card holders.
There were some problem areas with inadequate doctor cover, notably Bangor-Erris and Knocknalower in Co. Mayo. Vacancies in these districts and also in Swinford Co. Mayo, and Ballyleague, Co. Roscommon, had been again advertised. If there was no response, further discussions would be held with doctors in these areas. In admitting doctors to the Scheme, he had regard to the criteria laid down by the Minister for Health, which included the requirement of at least two years post-intern experience.

Of 118 retail Pharmacists in the Board's area, 113 had applied to participate in this Scheme. Four had declined and application was awaited from one.

(2) Establishment of Psychiatric Unit at (a) County Hospital, Roscommon, and (b) District Hospital, Ballina.

The Department of Health had agreed, in principle, to the provision of a Psychiatric Unit at the County Hospital, Roscommon, and had requested further information in connection with the proposal to establish a similar Unit at the District Hospital in Ballina.

(3) Establishment of College of Nursing in Galway.

The Working Party set up by the Medical Faculty University College, Galway, was making progress in formulating proposals for the establishment of a College of Nursing in Galway.

(4) Admission and Treatment Unit, St. Mary's Hospital, Castlebar.

This Unit was opened on 28th July, 1972, and at present accommodates 24 patients. Tenders had been invited for the provision of new Steam Boilers at St. Mary's Hospital. This, in conjunction with the new Water Tower, would provide improved facilities both
at St. Mary's Hospital, and the County Hospital, Castlebar.

(5) E.N.T. Services - Co. Mayo:
The Department of Health had sanctioned a second wholetime E.N.T. Consultant, Mr. Peter J. Robinson, F.R.C.S.I., 95 St. Agnes Road, Dublin, was to take up duty in a temporary capacity on Monday, 4th September, 1972. This appointment will lead to improved services, particularly in Co. Mayo.

(6) Kiltimagh Cottage Hospital/Welfare Home:
This building was occupied by the Gardai since 1922, under a lease due to expire in 1976. The lease might be terminated earlier than this if the Kiltimagh Town Improvements Committee can provide a suitable site for a new barracks for the Gardai. It could accommodate 10 to 12 Welfare Home type patients. The matter will be kept under review.

(7) Welfare Home, Westport:
Tenders had been invited for the erection of a 40-bed Welfare Home at Westport, the latest date for reception of tenders being 12th September, 1972. A number of enquiries from potential contractors had been received.

The following motion, notice of which had been duly given by Councillor T. King and Senator M. D. Lyons, was proposed by Councillor P. D. Joyce, seconded by Senator J. M. Mannion:

"That Standing Orders of the Western Health Board be amended as follows:

(1) By the addition of the following paragraph:

(1) A deputation shall not be heard by the Board unless the Board has decided at a previous meeting to hear it."
(ii) A request to the Board to receive a deputation shall be submitted in writing on the motion of a Member of the Board signed by himself and sent to the Chief Executive Officer at least seven clear days before the date of the meeting and notice of receipt of such motion shall be given on the Agenda.

(iii) No deputation shall exceed five persons in number and not more than two persons shall be entitled to address the Board on behalf of any deputation. The maximum duration of each address to the Board (inclusive of the reading of any memorials which may be presented) shall be ten minutes.

(iv) The deputation may be questioned by Members of the Board but shall not be entitled to ask questions. The deputation shall retire as soon as questions are concluded and no discussion of matters raised by a deputation shall be allowed until the following or a subsequent meeting when the reports of the officers of the Board in regard to the matters raised by the deputation will be submitted.

(2) By the substitution of 3.00 p.m. for 2.00 p.m. as the commencement time of Board Meetings held during the period October to March inclusive."

It was proposed by Councillor P. Concannon, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan that the motion be amended by the omission of the following words:

"A deputation shall not be heard by the Board unless the Board has decided at a previous meeting to hear it."

The vote on the amendment resulted as follows:

For the amendment - Councillors P. Concannon, J. P. O'Callaghan, and M. Ryan.

Total: 3 Votes.

Against the amendment - Councillor E. Carey, Miss D. Casey, Mr. J. Costello, Dr. M. J. Dyar, Mr. M. J. Egan, Dr. L. Hanniffy, Councillors E. Haverty, P. D. Joyce, Professor J. D. Kennedy, Councillor T. King, Senator M. D. Lyons, Dr. M. J. McLoughlin, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillor P. J. Morley, Dr. M. J. Mylotte, Mr. T. O Baoill, Mr. P. O Cathain, Mr. J. P. O'Donnell, Councillor D. O'Rourke, Dr. P. D. Power, Dr. J. J. Tobin. Total: 21 Votes.
The amendment was declared lost and the original motion was carried on the same voting.

Conclusion:

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Councillor P. D. Joyce welcomed the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Officials and Press to the first meeting held in Clifden.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: S. O. Laoghaire, Secretary.

Confirmed and adopted at Meeting of the Western Health Board held on 4th September, 1972.

Signed: Chairman.