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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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**JBB CIRCULAR NO: 019/2010**

**To: ALL BRANCH BOARDS**

Dear Colleagues

### **MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCES**

We have been informed by the Home Office that it will not be honouring the rates of motor vehicle allowance promulgated to forces in PNB Circular 10/2 and 10/2 (amended). The new rates were effective as of 1 April 2010.

At the PNB Full Board meeting of 28 July 2010, without prior notification, the Home Office informed Staff Side that the Home Secretary would not be placing the new rates into Determinations.

Staff Side understands that any officers who have already been compensated at the new rates will not be asked to repay the difference in amounts payable under the new rates and the 2009 rates. Compensation for future claims will be met at the 2009 rates.

We are aware that Police Regulations provide the Home Secretary with the power to withdraw her approval for the new rates. We also understand that there is a difficult climate for public spending. However, we are extremely disappointed with the Home Secretary's decision. We will be making representations to both the Home Secretary,

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and the Police Minister, to express our concern at both their failure to honour a long-standing practice in up-rating motor vehicle allowances, as well as their failure to consult in advance of this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Rennie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "I".

**IAN RENNIE**  
**General Secretary**