



Department of Social and Family Affairs

Review Completed

– Mary Coughlan Minister For Social And Family Affairs

Mary Coughlan, Minister for Social and Family Affairs, has completed a review of the discontinuance of the half rate payment of Disability, Unemployment and other related benefits for people in receipt of the Widow/Widowers pensions or One Parent Family Payments.

“My review suggested there may be potential hardship in some cases, and consequently I have decided to fully retrospectively restore the arrangements that existed before January 19th,” said Minister Coughlan.

Ends April 7th 2004