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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Earle E. Morris, Jr.
Comptroller General of South Carolina
Wade Hampton State Office Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Morris:

You have inquired of this Office as to the appropriate expense reimbursements to be paid to the Commissioners of the Employment Security Commission while traveling on official business.

By reason of the fact that the Commissioners are full-time employees of the State, their annual salaries being set in the 1979-80 Appropriations Act, Section 84, the travel and subsistence reimbursements generally applicable to State employees would apply to the Commissioners.

In brief, in accordance with Section 135 of the current Act, the Commissioners may be reimbursed for the actual expense of lodging and for the actual expenses for meals, not to exceed the limit of \$12.00 per day for meals while traveling within the State, and \$20.00 per day for meals in urban areas outside the State. When personal automobiles, rather than State or commercial transportation, are used for official business, the cost of travel will be reimbursed at the rate of 18 cents per mile.

The per diem allowance of \$35.00 per day provided in Section 136 of the Act for members of State boards and commissions generally while on official business is specifically for part-time or non-salaried positions, and would not apply to the members of the Employment Security Commission.

Cordially yours,

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