Questions referred

1. Is the expression 'special corrective appliances', used in Article 9 of Council Directive 90/270/EEC of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment, to be interpreted as excluding spectacles with corrective lenses?

2. Must the expression 'special corrective appliances', used in Article 9 of Council Directive 90/270/EEC, be understood solely to mean appliances used exclusively at the place of work and/or in the performance of employment duties?

3. Does the obligation to provide a special corrective appliance, provided for by Article 9 of Council Directive 90/270/EEC, refer exclusively to the acquisition of the appliance by the employer, or may it be interpreted more broadly, namely to include an obligation upon the employer to reimburse the costs incurred by the worker in purchasing the appliance himself or herself?

4. Is it consistent with Article 9 of Council Directive 90/270/EEC for an employer to cover such costs by means of a general increase in remuneration which is paid on a continuing basis and referred to as an 'increase for arduous working conditions'?