STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 921

CORONERS

EXPENSES

The Coroners (Fees and Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 1973

Made - - -	15*th May* 1973
Coming into Operation	11*th June* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 1(1) of the Coroners Act 1954(**a**), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 1973 and shall come into operation on 11th June 1973.

2. Rule 4(3) of the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1971(**b**), as amended(**c**), shall be amended by the substitution of the words "5·6p" for the words "5p".

3. For Rule 7 of the said Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"7. A witness at an inquest to whom the preceding Rules do not apply, who attends to give evidence whether at one or more inquests and thereby—

(*a*) necessarily incurs any expenditure (other than on travelling, lodging or subsistence) to which he would not otherwise be subject, or

(*b*) suffers any loss of earnings, or of benefit under the enactments relating to National Insurance, which he would otherwise have received,

may be paid a loss allowance not exceeding £4·75 a day in respect of that loss or expense;

Provided that if the period during which the witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence, business or employment to attend as aforesaid does not exceed four hours, his loss allowance shall not exceed £2·375 unless he necessarily loses more than half a day's remuneration or the expense necessarily incurred exceeds £2·375.".

4. Rule 8 of the said Rules shall be amended by the substitution of the words "57p", "£1·25", "£2·20", "£3·12", "£3·75", "£8·00" and "75p" for the words "45p", "95p", "£1·75", "£2·50", "£2·95", "£5·50" and "50p" respectively.

5. Rule 9 of the said Rules shall be amended by the substitution of the words "£5·80" and "75p" for the words "£3·75" and "50p" respectively.

6. Rule 10 of the said Rules shall be amended by the substitution for paragraph (3) of the following paragraphs:—

(**a**) 1954 c. 31. (**b**) S.I. 1971/108 (1971 I, p. 200).
(**c**) S.I. 1971/1260, 1972/980 (1971 II, p. 3625; 1972 II, p. 3061).

"(3) Subject to paragraph (3A) below, where a witness at an inquest travels to or from the inquest by a private conveyance, he may be paid in respect thereof—

(*a*) in any case where the witness travels by motor-cycle, a sum not exceeding—

(i) in the case of a motor-cycle of engine capacity not exceeding 150 c.c., 1·2p a mile each way;

(ii) in the case of a motor-cycle of engine capacity exceeding 150 c.c. but not exceeding 245 c.c., 1·8p a mile each way;

(iii) in the case of a motor-cycle of engine capacity exceeding 245 c.c., 2·2p a mile each way;

(*b*) in any case where the witness travels by motor car and the coroner is satisfied that the use of the motor car results in a substantial saving of time or is otherwise reasonable, a sum not exceeding—

(i) in the case of a motor car of engine capacity not exceeding 1000 c.c., 4·1p a mile each way;

(ii) in the case of a motor car of engine capacity exceeding 1000 c.c. but not exceeding 1750 c.c., 5·1p a mile each way;

(iii) in the case of a motor car of engine capacity exceeding 1750 c.c., 5·6p a mile each way; and

(*c*) in any other case, a sum not exceeding 2·6p a mile each way.

(3A) The rates specified in paragraph (3) above shall be increased—

(*a*) by a supplement of 0·5p a mile for each passenger carried and to whom an allowance would otherwise have been payable under this Rule;

(*b*) by the amount of any expenditure necessarily incurred on parking fees, provided the use of the motor car results in a substantial saving of time, or is otherwise reasonable.".

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

15th May 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules provide for an increase in subsistence and travelling allowances payable to witnesses attending at an inquest; in particular they provide for the payment of motor car parking fees and for allowances for travel by motor-cycle.

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