CORONERS

1960 No. 227

The Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules, 1960

Made - - - -	*8th February*, 1960
Coming into Operation	*1st March*, 1960

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

1. For Rule 5 of the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules, 1955(**b**), (which provides that a witness at an inquest, to whom Rules 1 to 3 of the said Rules do not apply, that is to say, not being a witness giving certain professional evidence or an expert witness, may be paid a subsistence allowance not exceeding seven shillings a day, or, if the period during which the witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence, business or employment does not exceed four hours, not exceeding three shillings and sixpence) there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"5. A witness at an inquest to whom Rules 1 to 3 of these Rules do not apply who attends to give evidence, whether at one or more inquests, may be paid a subsistence allowance not exceeding—

(*a*) if the period on any one day during which the witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence, business or employment to attend as aforesaid does not exceed four hours, five shillings in respect of that day;

(*b*) if the said period on any one day exceeds four hours but does not exceed eight hours, ten shillings in respect of that day;

(*c*) if the said period on any one day exceeds eight hours, twelve shillings and sixpence in respect of that day.".

2. In Rule 6 of the said Rules (which provides that a witness at an inquest who is necessarily absent from his place of residence overnight may be paid a night allowance not exceeding the expense reasonably incurred for board and lodging for that night or a sum of twenty-seven shillings and sixpence a night whichever be the less) for the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "forty shillings".

3. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules, 1960, and shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1960.

R. A. Butler,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
8th February, 1960.

(**a**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 31.

(**b**) S.I. 1955/1668 (1955 I, p. 521).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules make certain alterations in the allowances payable under section one of the Coroners Act, 1954, to witnesses, or persons summoned as witnesses, at inquests. Rule 1 provides for an increase in the subsistence allowance payable to ordinary witnesses and Rule 2 provides for an increase in the maximum night allowance payable to witnesses who are necessarily absent overnight from their place of residence.