STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 38

CORONERS

EXPENSES

The Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1967

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

1. In Rule 4 of the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1966(b) (which relates to the payment of a loss allowance in respect of a witness attending at an inquest to give evidence other than professional or expert evidence), for the words "fifty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "sixty-five shillings" and for the words "twenty-five shillings", in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence".

2. For Rule 5 of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of a subsistence allowance in respect of a witness attending at an inquest to give evidence, not being a witness who receives a fee or allowance under Rules 1 to 3 of the said Rules, that is to say, a fee or allowance for giving certain professional evidence or expert evidence), there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"5.—(1) A witness at an inquest (other than a witness who receives a fee or allowance under Rules 1 to 3 of these Rules) who attends to give evidence, whether at one or more inquests, may be paid a subsistence allowance not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Rule.

(2) In respect of any period other than a period in respect of which a subsistence allowance is payable under paragraph (3) of this Rule, the subsistence allowance shall not exceed—

(*a*) if the period on any one day during which a witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence, business or employment for the purpose of attending to give evidence does not exceed four hours, six shillings in respect of that day;

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

(*c*) if the said period on any one day exceeds eight hours but does not exceed twelve hours, twenty-three shillings in respect of that day;

(*d*) if the said period on any one day exceeds twelve hours but does not exceed sixteen hours, thirty-three shillings in respect of that day;

(*e*) if the said period on any one day exceeds sixteen hours, forty shillings in respect of that day.

(3) If a witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence overnight for the purpose of attending to give evidence, the subsistence allowance shall not exceed sixty-eight shillings in respect of each period of twenty-four hours or fraction thereof during which he is so absent overnight:

(a) 1954 c. 31. (b) S.I. 1966/11 (1966 I, p. 9).

Provided that for such an absence overnight for the purpose of attending to give evidence in the City of London or an inner London borough he may be paid a supplementary allowance not exceeding ten shillings a night.".

3. For Rule 6 of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of a night allowance in respect of any witness attending at an inquest to give evidence who is necessarily absent from his place of residence overnight), there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"6. A witness at an inquest, who receives a fee or allowance under Rules 1 to 3 of these Rules and is necessarily absent from his place of residence overnight for the purpose of attending as a witness may be paid a night allowance not exceeding fifty shillings a night:

Provided that for such an absence overnight for the purpose of attending to give evidence in the City of London or an inner London borough he may be paid a supplementary allowance not exceeding ten shillings a night.".

4. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1967 and shall come into operation on 13th February 1967.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
12th January 1967.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules make certain alterations in the allowances payable under section 1 of the Coroners Act 1954 to witnesses, or persons summoned as witnesses, at inquests. Rule 1 provides for an increase in the maximum amount payable as loss allowance. Rule 2 provides for an increase in the maximum amount payable as subsistence allowance to witnesses other than certain professional or expert witnesses where the period of time on any one day during which the witness is necessarily absent from his place of residence, business or employment exceeds eight hours, and specifies the maximum amount payable in respect of any period of twenty-four hours or less during which he is absent overnight. Rule 3 restricts the payment of night allowance to certain professional and expert witnesses and provides for the payment of a supplementary allowance for an absence overnight in central London.