

1975 No. 214

CORONERS

Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules
(Northern Ireland) 1975

Made 28th July 1975

Coming into operation 1st September 1975

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 36(1)(a) of the Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(b) after consultation with the Minister for the Civil Service(c), hereby makes the following rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1975.

Payments to jurors

2.—(1) For rule 9 of the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1971(d) there shall be substituted the following rule:

“Payments to jurors

9. The allowances specified in Schedule 2 shall be payable to a person who, in obedience to a summons to serve as a juror at an inquest or inquests, attends for such service.”.

(2) After the Schedule to those rules there shall be added the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these rules.

Northern Ireland Office
28th July 1975

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163
(b) 1959 c. 15 (N.I.)
(c) Formerly the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 206 (p. 1006) as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 42 (I, p. 235)

SCHEDULE

New Schedule added to the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) Rules
(Northern Ireland) 1971

"SCHEDULE 2

Allowances payable to a person summoned to serve as a juror at an inquest

PART I

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

1. Where a person attends to serve as a juror in obedience to a summons there shall be paid to him a travelling allowance, determined in accordance with this Part.

2. Where the person travels by public transport the allowance shall, subject to paragraph 3, be the fare actually paid for the journey.

3. For travel by railway, second-class fare only shall be payable unless, by reason of age, infirmity or other special circumstance, it is expedient that the person should travel first-class.

4. Where a person travels by private motor-car, the allowance for the journey shall be at the rate of 2.8p a mile, except where the use of the motor-car results in a substantial saving of time or is otherwise reasonable, in which case the allowance shall be at the rate of 7p a mile.

5. Where a person travels by private motor-cycle, the allowance for the journey shall be at the rate of 1.5p a mile.

6. The allowance referred to in paragraph 4 or, as the case may be, paragraph 5 shall be increased by 0.5p a mile for each passenger carried who is attending to serve as a juror in obedience to a summons.

7. Where a person travels by a hired vehicle, the allowance for the journey shall be—

- (a) in a case of urgency or where no public service is reasonably available, the amount of the fare and any reasonable gratuity paid; and
- (b) in any other case, the amount of the fare for travel by the appropriate public services.

8. In this Part "journey" means the return journey between the person's place of residence or, where appropriate, usual place of business or employment and the court.

PART II

ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCES

9.—(1) Where a person attends to serve as a juror in obedience to a summons there shall be paid to him for each day on which he so attends an amount in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b).

(2) The amount referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall, subject to sub-paragraph (3)—

(a) where such person serves over four hours as a juror, be £4.50;

(b) where such person serves up to four hours, be £1.50.

(3) Where in consequence of his attendance in any day—

(i) he has necessarily incurred expenditure (other than on travelling or subsistence) to which he would not otherwise be subject, or

(ii) he has incurred any loss of earnings or of benefit under the enactments relating to social security,

exceeding the appropriate amount specified in sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b), the amount payable under that sub-paragraph for that day may be increased to an amount not exceeding £6.70.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These rules amend the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1971 as to the sums payable to a person who, in obedience to a summons, attends at an inquest for service as a juror. The new rules make provision both for attendance and for travelling allowances.