



# Coroners Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 13

### *Expenses and returns of inquests*

#### **24 Fees and allowances payable on holding inquest**

- (1) The fees and allowances which may be lawfully paid by coroners—
  - (a) to witnesses and persons summoned to attend as witnesses; and
  - (b) to medical practitioners making post-mortem examinations by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request,shall be such as may be determined by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury; but nothing in this subsection shall apply in relation to the fees payable in respect of a special examination under section 20 above.
- (2) A relevant council—
  - (a) may from time to time make a schedule of the fees, allowances and disbursements which may be lawfully paid or made by a coroner in the course of his duties, other than fees and allowances to which subsection (1) above applies;
  - (b) may at any time vary a schedule so made; and
  - (c) shall cause a copy of every schedule so made or so varied to be sent to every coroner concerned.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by rules made by statutory instrument prescribe—
  - (a) the fees payable to coroners or other persons for furnishing copies of inquisitions, depositions or other documents in their custody relating to an inquest; and
  - (b) where in the opinion of the Secretary of State adequate provision is not made for them by a schedule under subsection (2) above, the fees, allowances and disbursements which may be lawfully paid or made by a coroner in the course of his duties, other than fees and allowances to which subsection (1) above applies.