



Coroners Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 13

Expenses and returns of inquests

27 Accounts to be laid before relevant council

- (1) Every coroner shall within four months after paying or making any fees, allowances or disbursements in accordance with the provisions of this Act, cause a full and true account of all fees, allowances and disbursements so paid or made by him under this Act to be laid before the relevant council.
- (2) Every account under this section shall be accompanied by such vouchers as under the circumstances may to the relevant council seem reasonable; and the relevant council may, if they think fit, examine the coroner on oath as to any such account.
- (3) On being satisfied of the correctness of any such account, the relevant council shall order their treasurer to pay to the coroner the sum due; and the treasurer shall without any abatement or deduction pay that sum—
 - (a) in the case of a metropolitan district or London borough council, out of the general rate fund;
 - (b) in the case of a non-metropolitan county council, out of the county fund; and
 - (c) in the case of the Common Council, out of the general rate,and shall be allowed that sum on passing his accounts.
- (4) In the case of a coroner for a coroner's district consisting of two or more metropolitan districts or London boroughs, the expenses of the councils of those districts or boroughs in respect of the coroner's service shall be apportioned between those councils in such manner as they may agree or, in default of agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State.