



Parliamentary Costs Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 37

Functions of responsible officers

1 Appointment of taxing officers

- (1) The responsible officer of each House of Parliament must appoint a person to be the taxing officer of that House.
- (2) The taxing officer—
 - (a) is to hold and vacate office according to the terms of his appointment, and
 - (b) must act according to any directions he receives from his responsible officer.
- (3) “Responsible officer” means—
 - (a) in relation to the House of Commons, the Speaker, and
 - (b) in relation to the House of Lords, the Clerk of the Parliaments (or, in his absence, the Clerk Assistant).

2 Authorisation of representatives' charges

- (1) The responsible officer of each House of Parliament may prepare a list which specifies—
 - (a) matters relating to proceedings of that House on private Bills and for which representatives may charge costs, and
 - (b) the amount of costs which they may charge for each matter.
- (2) On an assessment of costs under this Act, a taxing officer may not allow costs for a matter specified under subsection (1)(a) in so far as they exceed the amount specified for that matter under subsection (1)(b).
- (3) But he may allow reasonable costs for a matter which—
 - (a) relates to the proceedings, but
 - (b) is not specified under subsection (1)(a).