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The Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 1977

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Coming into Operation 1st June 1977

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 44 of the Police Act 1964(a), and after consultation with the three Central Committees of the Police Federation for England and Wales sitting as a Joint Committee, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1977.

2.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 19 of the Police Federation Regulations 1969(b), as amended (c) (use of Federation funds), for the words “paragraphs (3), (4) and (5)” there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs (3) to (6)”.

(2) At the end of the said Regulation 19 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

“(6) Federation funds held by the joint central committee may, on such terms and conditions as may be specified by that committee in the circumstances of a particular case, be used to defray legal charges incurred by a member or former member of the Federation arising out of any step taken by him with the prior approval of that committee (given for the purposes hereof) in connection with an action for libel or slander which he has brought or contemplates bringing in respect of a statement or alleged statement which appears to the committee—

(a) to relate to his conduct as a member of a police force, or

(b) to disparage him in the office of constable or otherwise to cast doubt upon his fitness to be a member of a police force.”.

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

Home Office,
Whitehall.
28th March 1977.

(a) 1964 c. 48.

(b) S.I. 1969/1787 (1969 III, p. 5592).

(c) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1971/1498 (1971 III, p. 4194).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Police Federation Regulations 1969 and provide that the joint central committee of the Police Federation may use their funds to defray legal charges incurred by a member (or former member) in connection with defamation proceedings brought or contemplated by him in respect of a statement relating to his conduct as, or reflecting upon his fitness to be, a member of a police force.

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