STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1187

The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2019

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2019.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1st January 2020.

(3) In this Order—

(a) "diocesan board of finance" means in relation to a diocese, the board of that name constituted under the Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure 1925(**1**); and

(b) "the 2018 Measure" means the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

Annual fees

2. Schedule 1 sets out the fees payable in respect of the year 2020—

(a) to diocesan registrars in respect of the duties of their office specified in Schedule 2; and

(b) to provincial registrars in respect of the duties of their office, except the duties and professional services specified in Part B of Table 2 in Schedule 1.

Payment of fees

3.—(1) The fees set out in the second column of Table 1 of Schedule 1 are to be paid by the diocesan board of finance.

(2) The fees set out in the third column of Table 1 and in Table 2 of Schedule 1 are to be paid by the diocesan bishop or archbishop (**2**).

Revocation of 2018 Order

4. The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2018(**3**) is revoked.

Duties of the diocesan registrar

5. A diocesan registrar shall not be entitled to receive any additional remuneration for the duties specified in Schedule 2 except as provided in article 6.

Supplementary annual fee

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), nothing in this Order shall preclude a diocesan board of finance from agreeing to pay any sum to a diocesan registrar by way of annual fee or retainer which is additional to the fee payable under Table 1 of Schedule 1.

(**1**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5 No. 3; relevant amendments were made by the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (1969 No. 2).

(**2**) Section 86(6) of the 2018 Measure provides that any sum paid by a bishop or archbishop by virtue of any order made under the 2018 Measure shall be reimbursed by the Church Commissioners.

(**3**) S.I. 2018/899.

(2) Any such agreement shall—

(a) be in writing;

(b) be expressed to be an agreement made in accordance with this article; and

(c) state the period for which it is to run, or, if no such period is stated, remain binding until determined by not less than three months' notice on either side.

Travel, subsistence and accommodation

7. A fee specified in Schedule 1 shall be increased by a sum for reasonable expenses of travel, subsistence and accommodation.

Value Added Tax

8. Where Value Added Tax is chargeable in respect of the provision of any service for which a fee is prescribed in this Order (including any fee specified in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2) the amount of Value Added Tax chargeable is payable in addition to that fee.

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