#### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 1979 No. 90

# The Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979

### PART II

#### COSTS BETWEEN PARTIES IN CROWN COURT

#### **Taxation of costs**

- **3.**—(1) Where under these Rules the Court has made an order for the costs of any proceedings to be paid by a party and the Court has not fixed a sum, the amount of the costs to be paid shall be ascertained as soon as practicable by the Taxing Master.
- (2) On taxation there shall be allowed such sum as is reasonably sufficient to compensate the party for the expenses properly incurred by him.

#### **Review by Taxing Master**

- **4.**—(1) Any party dissatisfied with the taxation of any costs by the Taxing Master under rule 3 may apply to him to review his decision.
- (2) The application shall be made by giving notice to the Taxing Master and to any other party to the taxation within 14 days of the taxation specifying the items in respect of which the application is made and the grounds of objection.
- (3) Any party to whom notice is given under the preceding paragraph may within 14 days of the service of the notice deliver to the Taxing Master answers in writing to the objections specified in that notice and, if he does, shall send copies to the applicant for the review and to any other party to the taxation.
- (4) The Taxing Master shall reconsider his taxation in the light of the objections and answers, if any, of the parties and any oral representations made by them or on their behalf and shall notify them of the result of his review.
- (5) Before reaching his decision the Taxing Master may consult the judge who made the order for costs.

## Appeal to High Court Judge

- **5.**—(1) Any party dissatisfied with the result of a review of taxation under rule 4 may, within 14 days of receiving notification thereof, request the Taxing Master to supply him with reasons in writing for his decision and may within 14 days of the receipt of such reasons appeal to the High Court
- (2) On the hearing of the appeal the High Court may reverse, affirm or amend the decision appealed against or make such other order as it thinks appropriate.
- (3) Unless the High Court otherwise directs, no further evidence shall be received on the hearing of the appeal; and no ground of objection shall be valid which was not raised on the review under rule 4.

## **Supplementary provisions**

- **6.**—(1) On a review or an appeal to the High Court the Taxing Master or that Court may make such order as seems just in respect of the costs of the hearing of the review or the appeal, as the case may be.
- (2) Any time prescribed by rule 4 or 5 may be extended by the Taxing Master or the High Court on such terms as seem just.