



Prison Act 1952

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Supplemental

53 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act the following expressions have the following meanings:—
- “Attendance centre” means a centre provided by the Secretary of State under [^{F1}section 221 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003] ;
 - “Prison” does not include a naval, military or air force prison;
...^{F2}
- (2) For the purposes of this Act the maintenance of a prisoner shall include all necessary expenses incurred in respect of the prisoner for food, clothing, custody and removal from one place to another, from the period of his committal to prison until his death or discharge from prison.
- (3) References in this Act to the Church of England shall be construed as including references to the Church in Wales.
- (4) References in this Act to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended by any other enactment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 53 substituted (4.4.2005) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\), s. 336\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 32 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2005/950, art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 42\(4\) \(with Sch. 2\)](#) (as explained (29.7.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2122, art. 2](#); and as amended: (14.7.2008) by [2008 c. 4, Sch. 26 para. 78, Sch. 28 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2008/1586, Sch. 1 paras. 48\(s\), 50\(2\)\(d\)](#); (30.11.2009) by [S.I. 2009/3111, art. 2](#); (3.12.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2905, art. 4](#); (3.12.2012) by [2012 c. 10, Sch. 14 para. 17](#); [S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2\(1\)](#))
- F2** Definition of “Remand home” repealed by [Children and Young Persons Act 1969 \(c. 54\), Sch. 6](#)

Changes to legislation:

Prison Act 1952, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 47(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(10\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(1A)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 9 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 47(6) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(3\)](#)
- s. 47A inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(4\)](#)
- s. 47A modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 55(4A) repealed by [2006 c. 13 s. 46\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 3](#)