

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 9B of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221))

RESOLVED that the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2008, made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee on 27 October 2008, be approved.

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (WITNESSES'
ALLOWANCES)(AMENDMENT)
RULES 2008**

(Made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee under section 9B of
the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) subject to the approval
of the Legislative Council)

1. Commencement

These Rules shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chief Justice by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Allowances for professional witnesses

(1) Rule 3(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) is amended by repealing "\$1,690" and substituting "\$2,170".

(2) Rule 3(2) is amended by repealing "\$845" and substituting "\$1,085".

3. Allowances for expert witnesses

(1) Rule 4(1) is amended by repealing "\$1,690" and substituting "\$2,170".

(2) Rule 4(2) is amended by repealing "\$845" and substituting "\$1,085".

4. Allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred

(1) Rule 5(1) is amended by repealing "\$280" and substituting "\$360".

(2) Rule 5(2) is amended by repealing "\$140" and substituting "\$180".

Made this 27th day of October 2008.

Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) to increase the maximum rates of allowances that may be allowed in respect of the following classes of witnesses in criminal proceedings before any court –

- (a) a witness practising any of the specified professions and attending to give professional evidence;
- (b) an expert witness attending to give expert evidence;
- (c) a witness attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence).