

CORONERS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504))

RESOLVED that the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2008, made by the Chief Justice on 22 October 2008, be approved.

CORONERS (WITNESSES' ALLOWANCES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2008

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 54 of the Coroners Ordinance
(Cap. 504) 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 Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) 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".

Chief Justice

22nd October 2008

Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) to increase the maximum rates of allowances that may be allowed in respect of the following classes of witnesses at inquests under the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504) –

- (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).