

Allowance for witnesses

The following shall apply to the provision of an allowance ("the allowance") for witnesses attending before the Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues at its hearings to give evidence and/or to produce documents -

I. Eligibility

- (a) Subject to (c) below, the allowance is payable to witnesses attending before the Select Committee at its hearings, whether or not they have the opportunity to give evidence at the particular hearings.
- (b) Witnesses who are ex-civil servants and have ceased active service with the Government and left the Government on expiry of their final leave will be eligible for the allowance.
- (c) The allowance is not payable to public officers¹ or persons in the service or employment of statutory bodies or other organizations which are funded by public money for attending the Select Committee's hearings in the course of their duties.

II. Rates

The allowance payable shall be a sum not exceeding \$180 for each attendance at a hearing of the Select Committee not exceeding four hours, and a sum not exceeding \$360 for each attendance exceeding four hours.

III. Application procedure

Eligible witnesses may submit to the Clerk claims for payment of the allowance no later than 14 days from the date of the hearings attended by the witnesses by completing the prescribed form.

¹ The term "public officer" is defined in section 3 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) to mean any person holding an office of emolument under the Government, whether such office be permanent or temporary.

Legislative Council Secretariat Application form for payment of allowance for witness
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*Please complete in BLOCK letters using black or blue pen

Part I : Personal details			
Surname		Given names	
Home/Correspondence Address			
Contact telephone no.			
Part II : Hearing details			
Name of Committee			
Date of hearing(s)	Starting time of attendance required by the Committee	Ending time of attendance required by the Committee	
<i>(Please use separate sheet(s) if space is not sufficient)</i>			
Declaration of Applicant: I hereby apply for the payment of allowance for witness in respect of the above hearings which I have attended/been ordered to attend. I understand that any allowance so approved will be payable by cheque in my name and the cheque will be sent to my home/correspondence address as stated above.			
Signature _____		Date _____	
For Official use only			
Part III <i>(To be completed by Secretariat officers of the relevant Committee)</i>		Part IV <i>(To be completed by Accounts Office)</i>	
Total amount to be paid	\$ _____	Payment made on _____ Charged to cost center of _____ Signature _____ Post _____ Date _____	
Checked by:	Approved by:		
_____ Signature/Title	_____ Signature/Title		
Date _____	Date _____		

Notes:

- (i) A claim must be made within 14 days from the date of a hearing attended by a witness.
- (ii) The witness allowance payable shall be \$180 for each attendance at a hearing not exceeding four hours, and \$360 for each attendance exceeding four hours.