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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 2 July 2003

Proposed resolution under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance

I forward for Members' consideration a proposed resolution which the Chief Secretary for Administration will move at the Council meeting of 2 July 2003 under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance. The President has directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in the English version, which the Chief Secretary for Administration will deliver when moving the proposed resolution, is also attached. The Chinese version of the speech will be issued as soon as it is available.

(Ray CHAN) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED that the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Amendment) Rules 2003, made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee on 12 June 2003, be approved.

LEGAL AID IN CRIMINAL CASES (AMENDMENT) RULES 2003

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

1. Solicitor and counsel fees

Rule 21(1) of the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. D) is amended -

- (a) in subparagraph (a), by repealing "\$7,100",
 "\$870" and "\$4,620" and substituting "\$6,790",
 "\$830" and "\$4,420" respectively;
- (b) in subparagraph (aa), by repealing "\$9,570", "\$1,200" and "\$6,180" and substituting "\$9,160", "\$1,150" and "\$5,910" respectively;
- (c) in subparagraph (ab), by repealing "\$7,660", "\$950" and "\$4,970" and substituting "\$7,330", "\$910" and "\$4,760" respectively;
- (d) in subparagraph (b), by repealing "\$5,060", "\$1,210" and "\$3,030" and substituting "\$4,840", "\$1,160" and "\$2,900" respectively;
- (e) in subparagraph (c), by repealing "\$17,560" and "\$9,730" and substituting "\$16,800" and "\$9,310" respectively;
- (f) in subparagraph (d), by repealing "\$21,330" and substituting "\$20,410";
- (g) in subparagraph (da), by repealing "\$28,430" and substituting "\$27,210";
- (h) in subparagraph (db), by repealing "\$22,740"
 and substituting "\$21,760";

- (i) in subparagraph (e), by repealing "\$14,210" and substituting "\$13,600";
- (j) in subparagraph (g), by repealing "\$1,130" and substituting "\$1,080";
- (k) in subparagraph (h), by repealing "\$920" and substituting "\$880";
- (1) in subparagraph (1), by repealing "\$8,530" and substituting "\$8,160";
- (m) in subparagraph (m), by repealing "\$2,310" and "\$1,890" and substituting "\$2,210" and "\$1,810" respectively;
- (n) in subparagraph (n), by repealing "\$8,530" and "\$4,260" and substituting "\$8,160" and "\$4,080" respectively;
- (o) in subparagraph (o), by repealing "\$2,830" and substituting "\$2,710".

Made this 12th day of June 2003.

(Andrew Li)

(Frank Stock) The Hon Chief Justice The Hon Mr Justice Stock JA

(Louis Tong) The Hon Mr Justice Tong (Mr Cheung Wai-sun)

(Ms Alice Chung)

(Mr Jonathan Midgley)

(Mr Christopher C Chan) Registrar, High Court

Explanatory Note

These Rules reduce the scale of fees payable to solicitors and counsel assigned under the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. D) to represent persons receiving legal aid.