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**Amendment to be made by** : 8 March 2006 (or 26 April 2006 if extended by resolution)

**Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (L.N. 224 of 2005)**

**Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 21)**

By this Notice, the Director of Administration appoints 20 February 2006 as the day on which the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (L.N. 224 of 2005) shall come into operation.

2. The Amendment Regulation amends the rules for computing the disposable income and disposable capital of a person applying for or receiving legal aid by introducing new items as deductibles, and reduces the rate of contribution under the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme from 12% to 10%.

**Legal Aid (Charge on Property) (Rate of Interest) Regulation (L.N. 225 of 2005)**

**Legal Aid (Charge on Property) (Rate of Interest) Regulation (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 22)**

3. By this Notice, the Director of Administration appoints 1 June 2006 as the day on which the Legal Aid (Charge on Property) (Rate of Interest) Regulation (L.N. 225 of 2005) shall come into operation.

4. Where a property to be used as a home for a legally aided person or his dependents has been recovered or preserved in proceedings and a first charge for the benefit of the Director of Legal Aid has been registered in respect of the property, the Director may defer enforcing the charge under specified circumstances. The person, however, has to pay a simple interest at the rate of 10% per annum or at a prescribed rate on the sum that the Director would have retained in respect of the property. The purpose of the Regulation is to prescribe the interest rate with due regard to market movements.

5. The two commencement notices present no problem.

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