Resolution of the Legislative Council

Coroners Ordinance

Resolution

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

Resolved that the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2019, made by the Chief Justice on 19 February 2019, be approved.

Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2019

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

2. **Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended**

   The Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

3. **Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)**

   (1)   Rule 3(1)—

   Repeal

   "$2,770"

   Substitute

   "$3,065".

   (2)   Rule 3(2)—

   Repeal

   "$1,385"

   Substitute

   "$1,530".

4. **Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)**

   (1)   Rule 4(1)—

   Repeal

   "$2,770"

   Substitute

   "$3,065".

   (2)   Rule 4(2)—

   Repeal

   "$1,385"

   Substitute

   "$1,530".

5. **Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)**

   (1)   Rule 5(1)—

   Repeal

   "$515"

   Substitute

   "$575".

   (2)   Rule 5(2)—

   Repeal

   "$255"

   Substitute

   "$285".

Chief Justice

19 February 2019

Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 504 sub. leg. E) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses at inquests under the Coroners Ordinance (Cap. 504)—

(a) witnesses practising specific professions and attending to give professional evidence;

(b) expert witnesses attending to give expert evidence;

(c) witnesses attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and losing remuneration or incurring expenses as a result.