

Coroners Ordinance

Resolution

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

Resolved that the Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2023, made by the Chief Justice on 3 April 2023, be approved.

Coroners (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2023

(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 1 August 2023.

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

“\$3,210”

Substitute

“\$3,290”.

(2) Rule 3(2)—

Repeal

“\$1,600”

Substitute

“\$1,640”.

4. Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)

(1) Rule 4(1)—

Repeal

“\$3,210”

Substitute

“\$3,290”.

(2) Rule 4(2)—

Repeal

“\$1,600”

Substitute

“\$1,640”.

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

(1) Rule 5(1)—

Repeal

“\$615”

Substitute

“\$655”.

(2) Rule 5(2)—

Repeal

“\$305”

Substitute

“\$325”.

3 April 2023



Chief Justice

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 who give professional evidence;
- (b) expert witnesses who give expert evidence;
- (c) witnesses who give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and lose remuneration or incur expenses as a result.