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THE CORONERS' INQUESTS FEES REGULATIONS 1948

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General
By his Deputy,
H. F. O'LEARY

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 21st day of
July, 1948

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Coroners Amendment Act, 1908, and section 2 of the Coroners Amendment Act, 1920, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Coroners' Inquests Fees Regulations 1948.
2. These regulations shall come into force on the 16th day of August, 1948.
3. The Payment of Witnesses (Coroners) Regulations 1939* and the Coroners' Inquests Fees Regulations 1947† are hereby revoked.

PART I.—CORONERS AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Fees

4. The rates of fees to be payable to every Coroner, Deputy Coroner, or Justice (other than a Stipendiary Magistrate) holding an inquest and to every legally qualified medical practitioner attending such inquest in obedience to a summons for the purpose of giving evidence or performing a post-mortem examination at the direction of the Coroner and giving evidence thereof at the inquest, shall be as follows :—

(a) To the Coroner, Deputy Coroner, or Justice holding an inquest : For every inquest	£	s.	d.
				2	2	0

* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/270, page 1044.

† Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/98, page 366.

(b) To a medical practitioner—			
(i) Attending and giving evidence—		£	s. d.
For every day, when required to be in attendance for three hours or less	1	1	0
For every day, when required to be in attendance for more than three hours	2	2	0
and			
(ii) For performing a post-mortem examination at the direction of the Coroner holding the inquest, an additional	2	2	0
Provided that when the medical practitioner is a pathological specialist whose evidence is necessarily accompanied by a detailed report of his examination, there may be paid for such report such additional sum as may be certified by the Coroner, but not exceeding	2	2	0

Allowances

5. In addition to the fees hereinbefore prescribed, each such person shall be entitled to a refund of the amount of actual expenses of locomotion reasonably incurred in the performance of his duties in travelling by rail, coach, or steam-boat, and to receive in respect of any other expenses of locomotion an allowance at the following rates :—

- (a) To the Coroner, Deputy Coroner, or Justice (other than a Stipendiary Magistrate): At the rate of 1s. per mile, counted one way only.
- (b) To a medical practitioner : At the rate of 1s. per mile, counted one way only.

PART II.—OTHER WITNESSES

6. The sum which a Coroner may order to be paid to a witness (other than a medical witness) for attending to give evidence at an inquest may be a sum not exceeding the amount that would be payable to such witness if his attendance had been as a witness for the Crown in a criminal case in accordance with the regulations for the time being in force for the payment of witnesses for the Crown in criminal cases.

PART III.—GENERAL

7. The Minister of Justice, in any case where he considers that exceptional circumstances render such a course advisable, may authorize the sums set out in Regulations 4, 5, and 6 hereof to be increased.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Justice.