



# MAGISTRATES COURT of TASMANIA

## CORONIAL DIVISION

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November 2019

OFFICE OF THE CORONER

### **INFORMATION FOR CORONIAL WITNESSES**

WITNESSES SHOULD READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

#### **Entitlement to Expenses**

Witnesses who are out of pocket as a result of their attendance at the Coroners Court are entitled to receive compensation for loss of earnings, travelling and sustenance. Other special allowances may be considered in unusual circumstances. No compensation or allowances will be paid to a witness who does not suffer monetary loss by reason of their attendance at Court.

The maximum amount which can be paid for loss of earnings is \$60.00.

#### **How to Claim**

Claims for loss of earnings by employees should be supported by a certificate in writing by the employer showing the actual amount deducted from the witness' salary or wages due to his absence from work. Claims for loss of earnings for self employed persons should be supported by some evidence of loss such as a certificate from his accountant. All claims are subject to verification by the Office of the Coroner.

Claims for travelling allowances or sustenance (pursuant to the General Conditions of Service Award) should be accompanied by receipts. Use should be made of public transport but a private vehicle may be used so long as the overall expenses are not thereby increased. The present reimbursement rate is 23 cents per km, where a private vehicle is used.

Claims for witness' expenses in the Coroners Court should be presented to the clerk of that court.

If you are in doubt about your entitlement you should contact the Office of the Coroner, telephone number being 616 57134.

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