

**MAGISTRATES COURT OF TASMANIA**

**Administrative Direction - (Staff)**

**No 11 of 2020**

**Witness expenses – Meal allowance**

Witnesses are entitled to payment pursuant section 45 of the Justices Act 1959 and pursuant to section 17 of the Criminal Procedure (Attendance of Witnesses) Act 1996. Such payments are regulated by Regulation 7 of the Criminal Procedures (Attendance of Witness) Regulations 2009.

Persons attending court as prosecution crown witnesses can claim the same meal, travel and accommodation allowance as allowed in the State Service Award. The State Service Award does not allow for meals for part day travel when not required to travel overnight.

The Department of Justice is only able to pay for crown witnesses in criminal proceeding.

Therefore, meals are no longer payable when the witness travels during the day and is not required to stay overnight.

The Witness Expenses Claim form has been amended and updated to reflect this and the new form has been posted on the court internal and external websites.

Tasmania Police have been informed to amend their information to witnesses in this regard.

Penelope Ikedife

**Administrator of Courts**

**23 November 2020**