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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 51 of the *Juries Act 1967* entitles a person who attends the Supreme Court, either upon being summoned or appointed to attend to serve as a juror, to receive payment for each day of attendance in accordance with the prescribed scale. The Juries Fees Regulations, made under section 52 of the Juries Act, prescribe the scale of payments.

The Juries Fees Regulations (Amendment) Regulations amend, from 30 January 1995, the payments to jurors so that, in accordance with the new prescribed scale, the longer a trial lasts the higher the daily rate that will be paid to jurors. The new scale recognises the increasing inconvenience to a juror the longer a trial lasts. The new scale of payments is as follows:

- (1) payment for attendance at Court for less than 4 hours - \$40
- (2) payment for attendance at Court for 4 hours or more -
 - (a) for each day from day 1 to day 4 (inclusive) \$70
 - (b) for each day from day 5 to day 10 (inclusive) \$80
 - (c) for each day from day 11 to day 20 (inclusive) \$95
 - (d) for each day after day 20 \$120

Presently, persons attending the Court are entitled to receive \$40 where their attendance is for 4 hours or less and \$70 per day otherwise.

Revenue/cost implications

The Regulations will result in additional expenditure of about \$14,000 per year.