

## **Scheme pursuant to section 20 of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act, 2000**

1. This Scheme shall apply to Part 1 of the proceedings of the Investigation Committee (hereinafter in this Scheme referred to as “the Committee”) established under section 10 (1) (b) of the Commission to Child Abuse Act, 2000 hereinafter in this Scheme referred to as “the Act”).
2. Such procedures as to Part 1 of the proceedings of the Investigation Committee are as set down and described in the document described as the “Rules of Procedure” of the Investigation Committee of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (hereinafter in this Scheme referred to as “the Commission”).
3. The following persons may, in such proceedings before the Committee, apply to the Commission for the costs and legal expenses listed below incurred by them in respect of legal representation before the Committee, that is to say:
  - (a) persons who, in such proceedings, make allegations of having suffered abuse,
  - (b) persons against whom such allegations are made, and
  - (c) in the case of such allegations made against a body corporate or an unincorporated body of persons, the body concerned and such officers and other members of staff of the body whom the Commission considers appropriate, or
  - (d) other persons who attend before, or make an oral submission to, the Committee.
4. The following legal costs and expenses shall be payable by the Commission if it is satisfied that such costs and expenses have been incurred by the applicant:-

### **Part 1**

#### **Procedures in relation to Evidence of Allegations of Abuse at Private Hearings**

- (i) Instructions for and preparation of Statement pursuant to section (23(2)(a) or section 23(2)(b) of the Act - £250/£350.

- (ii) Counsel's fee for settling Statement - £105.
- (iii) Perusing and considering the book of documents - £150/£250.
- (iv) Instructions for and preparation of Supplemental Statement - £150/£250.
- (v) Counsel's Brief fee £750/£1,000/£1,250.
- (vi) Attending the hearing of allegations (solicitor):
  - (a) Half day £500
  - (b) Full day £750
- (vii) Refresher for Counsel:
  - (a) Half day £500
  - (b) Full day £750
- (viii) Attending consultation.
  - (a) Solicitor £100
  - (b) Counsel £100

5. In applying this Scheme the Commission shall do so on the basis that there should be parity of representation for all parties.

6. Where alternative amounts appear for each item of legal costs and expenses, the Commission shall have discretion to pay such amounts according to the difficulty and complexity of the case.