



Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 65

PART III

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PROCEEDINGS

Allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies

47 Allowances for attending conferences and meetings.

(1) The following bodies, that is to say—

- (a) ^{F1}
- (b) [^{F2}any body] to which this section applies and which has power by virtue of any enactment to send representatives to any conference or meeting to which this section applies;

may pay any member of [^{F3}the body] attending any such conference or meeting such [^{F4}allowances in the nature of an attendance allowance and an allowance for travel and subsistence, as they think fit.

(1A) payments made under subsection (1) above shall be of such reasonable amounts as the body in question may determine in a particular case or class of case but shall not exceed—

- (a) in the case of payments of an allowance in the nature of an attendance allowance, such amounts as may be specified in or determined under regulations made by the Secretary of State; and
- (b) in the case of payments of an allowance in the nature of an allowance for travel and subsistence in respect of a conference or meeting held in the United Kingdom, such amounts as may be specified under section 46 above for the corresponding allowance under that section;

and regulations made by the Secretary of State may make it a condition of any payment mentioned in paragraph (a) above that, in the financial year to which the payment would relate, the aggregate amount which the body in question has paid or is already liable to pay in respect of any prescribed allowance or allowances does not exceed such maximum amount as may be specified in or determined under the regulations.]

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- (2) Where a body mentioned in subsection (1)(b) above has power under any enactment other than this Act or any instrument under such an enactment to pay expenses incurred in attending a conference or meeting to which this section applies, the amount payable under that enactment or instrument shall not exceed the amount which would be payable in respect of the attendance under that subsection.
- (3) ^{F5}
- ^{F6}(3A) In relation to any ^{F7}body which is a joint board, joint authority or other combined body all the members of which are representatives of local authorities] this section applies to a conference or meeting held ^{F8}inside or outside the United Kingdom and convened by any person or body (other than a person or body convening it in the course of a trade or business or a body the objects of which are wholly or partly political)] for the purpose of discussing matters which in the body’s opinion relate—
- (a) to the functions of the body; or
- (b) to any functions of local authorities in which the body has an interest.]
- (4) In relation to any other body to which this section applies, ^{F9} . . . this section applies to a conference or meeting convened by one or more such bodies or by an association of such bodies.
- ^{F10}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 47(1)(a) repealed (2.5.2007) by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/265), **reg. 2(2)(a)(i)**
- F2** Words in s. 47(1)(b) substituted (2.5.2007) by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/265), **reg. 2(2)(a)(ii)**
- F3** Words in s. 47(1) substituted (2.5.2007) by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/265), **reg. 2(2)(a)(iii)**
- F4** Words in s. 47(1) substituted (1.4.1991) by Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42, SIF 81:2), **s. 194(1) Sch. 11 para. 34**; S.I. 1991/344, **art. 3(2)(a)**
- F5** S. 47(3) repealed (2.5.2007) by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/265), **reg. 2(2)(b)**
- F6** S. 47(3A) inserted by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65), **s. 25(5)**
- F7** Words in s. 47(3A) substituted (1.4.1991) by Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42, SIF 81:2), **s. 194(1) Sch. 11 para. 34(b)**; S.I. 1991/344, **art. 3(2)(a)**
- F8** Words in s. 47(3A) substituted (2.5.2007) by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/265), **reg. 2(2)(c)**
- F9** Words in s. 47(4) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1)(2), Sch. 13 para. 92(10)(a), **Sch. 14**; S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(1)(c)(d), **Sch. 2**
- F10** S. 47(5) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1)(2), Sch. 13 para. 92(10)(b), **Sch. 14**; S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(1)(c)(d), **Sch. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 47 applied (with modifications) (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1005/3026, **art. 13**
- C2** Ss. 45–50 extended with modifications by Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66), **s. 3(1)**
- C3** S. 47 restricted by S.I. 1991/397, **reg. 23**
 Ss. 45–50 restricted by S.I. 1991/397, **reg. 26**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 7 para. 7(3) inserted by [1989 c. 42 Sch. 11 para. 36](#)