



Parliamentary Costs Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 37

Vexatious proceedings

10 Award of costs to petitioner opposing private Bill

- (1) This section applies where, in proceedings of Parliament on a private Bill, a committee of either House—
 - (a) decides that the preamble to the Bill is not proved, or amends the Bill so as to protect a petitioner who opposes it, and
 - (b) unanimously reports that a petitioner who opposes the Bill has been unreasonably or vexatiously exposed to costs in defending rights of his with which the Bill proposes to interfere.
- (2) A petitioner of the kind mentioned in subsection (1)(b) may recover from the promoter—
 - (a) the amount of the petitioner's costs (subject to their assessment under section 12) for defending rights of his of the kind mentioned in subsection (1)(b),
 - (b) if the committee specifies a portion of those costs, that portion, or
 - (c) if the committee specifies an amount in respect of those costs and the parties affected agree to it, that amount.
- (3) The committee must specify in its report—
 - (a) the portion or amount of costs recoverable under this section,
 - (b) who must pay that portion or amount, and
 - (c) who may recover it.