

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations replace with amendments the Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) Regulations 1988 (which are revoked except in relation to work done before 1st April 1989).

The Regulations provide for determination and review by the Legal Aid Board of the remuneration of solicitors (including duty solicitors acting in accordance with arrangements made under regulation 6 of the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations 1989) who give advice and assistance to suspects at police stations, and prescribe rates of payment for that remuneration. The main changes are:–

- (a) to reflect the taking over of responsibility for administration of legal aid by the Legal Aid Board;
- (b) to remove the lower limit on fees hitherto applied to certain work (regulation 5(1));
- (c) to increase the rates previously payable under the 1988 Regulations by 6% overall (Schedule).