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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 3552**

**The Criminal Defence Service  
(Funding) (Amendment) Order 2007**

**Amendments to the Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2007**

7. In article 2—

- (a) after the definition of “trainee solicitor or fee earner of equivalent experience” omit “and”;
- (b) for the definition of “Very High Cost Case” substitute—

““Very High Cost Case” means a case in which a representation order has been granted and which the Commission classifies as a Very High Cost Case on the grounds that—

- (a) if the case were to proceed to trial, the trial would in the opinion of the Commission be likely to last for more than 40 days, and the Commission considers that there are no exceptional circumstances which make it unsuitable to be dealt with under its contractual arrangements for Very High Cost Cases;
- or
- (b) if the case were to proceed to trial, the trial would in the opinion of the Commission be likely to last no fewer than 25 and no more than 40 days, and the Commission considers that there are circumstances which make it suitable to be dealt with under its contractual arrangements for Very High Cost Cases;”;

(c) after the definition of “Very High Cost Case” insert—

““Very High Cost Case (Crime) Panel” means a panel set up by the Commission from which representatives may be chosen to provide representation in Very High Cost Cases.”.