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PRACTICE DIRECTION

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To : All Practitioners

Appeals - transcript of proceedings

There has been a substantial increase in the number of appeals from the Supreme Court where lengthy transcripts of proceedings have been requested by the parties. These have to be prepared by the Court staff outside normal working hours, when they are paid overtime.

Until now no charge has been made for this service.

In an effort to reduce this burden, the practice was introduced of asking practitioners to consider whether any part of the transcript is required, and if so to identify what part. The usual answer has been that the entire transcript is required. In many cases a few moments' thought would have shown that much of it was irrelevant to the grounds of appeal and therefore unnecessary.

In order to discourage requests for unnecessary transcripts, and to meet part of the extra costs, it has been decided to make a charge for the preparation of all transcripts.

As from today the charge will be 30 cents per page.

Dated 22nd June 1990



R. M. Webster  
Judge of the Supreme Court



G. W. Martin  
Chief Justice