

Memorandum by the Hon. Minister of JusticeProposed changes in the design of the Uniforms of the Executive Staff of the Courts

It is proposed to change the design of the Uniforms of the Executive Staff of the Courts.

The proposed new uniforms would consist of:

- Winter: Grey jacket and trousers, black tie; black shoes.
- Summer:
- a) for indoor use: same as above but the material of the jacket and trousers would be lighter in colour and lighter in weight.
  - b) for outdoor use: Grey shirts with epaulets with open collar, black shoes.
- Caps: As at present but the crest for Marshals would represent the fasces: that for other grades would continue to bear the words "Courts of Law" but each grade would have a different garland.

The reason which has initiated the proposal is that the executive staff of the Courts have asked to be allowed to do away with their jackets when performing outdoor duties during the summer months. The demand has been deemed reasonable by the Department and no objection has been raised by the Judicial Authorities.

The occasion is being taken to make the uniforms of the Executive Staff of the Courts distinctive from those of employees of other Departments. Now there are hardly any means to distinguish an Usher from a messenger of another Department. It is obvious that, in view of their special rights and duties, the Executive Staff of the Courts should be in a position to easily show their standing when dealing with the public: this should also help to prevent possible abuses on the part of others.

Finally, it is considered that the proposed uniform should be smart, convenient and comfortable.

Honourable Members are invited to recommend.

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