

Public holidays and rest days

18.—(1) The Scottish Ministers must determine the circumstances and manner in which a constable is granted leave or otherwise compensated in respect of time spent on duty on—

- (a) public holidays; or
- (b) rostered rest days.

(2) In making a determination under paragraph (1) the Scottish Ministers may confer on the chief constable discretion to fix—

- (a) the time at which, or the day on which, a period commences for the purposes of the determination;
- (b) the period within which time off in compensation for time spent on duty as mentioned in that paragraph is to be granted;
- (c) a limit on the time occupied by a constable in travelling to and from that constable's place of duty which is to be included in a period of duty for the purposes of the determination.

(3) In this regulation—

- (a) “public holiday” means Christmas Day, New Year's Day and each of 6 other days, being as far as practicable local public holidays and in any year where Christmas Day, 26th December or New Year's Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday the 6 other days are increased by one for each day on which Christmas Day, 26th December or New Year's Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday; and
- (b) “rostered rest day”, in relation to a constable who is required to do duty on that day, means a day which according to the duty roster was, immediately before that constable was so required to do duty, to have been a rest day for that constable.