

Increased High Court Fees as announced in 1997/ 98 Budget

The Governor General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, makes the following Regulations under the *Judiciary Act* 1903.

1 Commencement

1.1 These regulations commence on 1 July 1997.

2. Amendment

2.1 The High Court of Australia (Fees) Regulations are amended as set out in these Regulations.

3. Regulation 3 (Interpretation)

3.1 Subregulation 3 (1) (definition of "corporation"). Omit the definition, substitute:

"**corporation**' has the same meaning as in the Corporations Law and includes a financial institution (as defined in section 111AZA of that Law);"

4. Regulation 5B (Calculation of increase)

4.1 Subregulation 5B (2) (definition of fee): Omit "during", substitute "at the end of".

5. Further amendments - fee increases

5.1 The High Court of Australia (Fees) Regulations are further amended as set out in the following table:

Provision amended	Omit	Substitute
Subparagraph 4A (1) (b) (i)	\$3,000	\$8,000
Subparagraph 4A (1) (b) (ii)	\$1,500	\$4,000
Subparagraph 5 (1) (a) (i)	\$500	\$3,000
Subparagraph 5 (1) (a) (ii)	\$200	\$1,500
Subparagraph 5 (1) (b) (i)	\$1,500	\$12,000
Subparagraph 5 (1) (b) (ii)	\$750	\$6,000
Schedule 1, item 1	\$1,000	\$5,000
Schedule 1, item 2	\$1,000	\$5,000
Schedule 1, item 3	\$1,000	\$5,000
Schedule 1, item 5	\$1,000	\$5,000
Schedule 1, item 5A	\$250	\$500
Schedule 1, item 6	\$1,000	\$5,000

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 15 May 1997
2. Statutory Rules 1991 No 449 as amended by 1992 No 80; 1995 no 418; 1996 No 190.

Office of Business Affairs

Partnership Bill

The Partnership Bill, introduced at the February 1997 sittings of the Legislative Assembly, was passed on 22 April 1997.

The Bill was passed, as introduced, without amendment. Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Bill may contact Sue Richardson on 8999 4133.

The Office of Business Affairs has also indicated willingness to hold free public seminars in Darwin and Alice Springs if sufficient interest exists. Telephone Sue Richardson (8999 4133) to express interest in attending such a seminar.

Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

This Bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 22 April without amendment.

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Service of Documents Outside the Commonwealth - Order 8

A party seeking to serve originating process abroad under Order 8 should support the application with evidence of advice obtained from the International Civil Procedures Section of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department as to the most appropriate form of service in the country concerned and as to the legality under the law of the country concerned of service in the manner proposed.

The International Civil Procedures Section of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department may be contacted at:

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