

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS (SOLICITORS' COSTS) RULES

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 10 of 1965

The Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance provides for payment by an unsuccessful party of the costs of a legal practitioner employed by the successful party. The Court of Petty Sessions (Solicitors' Costs) Rules sets out a scale of costs with respect to all matters other than proceedings under a default summons. This scale was last reviewed in 1958. Regulations 1965 No. 10 increase the amount of costs in that scale. This increase was requested by the legal profession, so as to reduce the gap between the amount of costs a successful party may obtain from the unsuccessful party and the amount actually paid by him in respect of those costs.