

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE HIGH COURT RULES 2004

Schedule 2 of the High Court Rules 2004 specifies the amount which solicitors, who are entitled to practise in the High Court, may charge and be allowed on taxation of costs by the Taxing Officer of the Court in respect of proceedings in the Court.

The amounts in the Schedule were last varied by Select Legislative Instrument 2008 No. 246 made on 2 December 2008 and which came into operation on 1 January 2009.

The Joint Costs Advisory Committee, in its report dated 22 September 2009, recommended an increase of 3.2% to the solicitors' costs as set out in Schedule 2.

The Court has agreed to the recommendation of the Committee and the increase, which is to come into operation on Friday, 1 January 2010, will apply in respect of all work done and services performed by solicitors after Thursday, 31 December 2009.