

ACT MAGISTRATES COURT

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2007

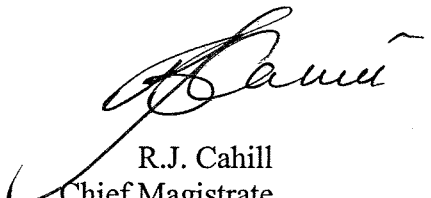
Costs in Assessments of Damages in Claims for Damages to Motor Vehicles

1. Following the entry of judgment pursuant to rule 1122 in respect of a claim for damages to a motor vehicle, instead of lodging a bill of costs or assessment of costs, the plaintiff may simply indicate when lodging the relevant affidavits pursuant to rule 1119 that the following amount for costs (**not including disbursements**) for work done up to and including the date of the assessment is sought.
 - Where the amount claimed does not exceed \$10,000.00 - **\$452.00**
 - Where the amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 but is less than \$25,000.00 - **\$644.00**
 - Where the amount claimed exceeds \$25,000.00 but is less than \$40,000.00 - **\$870.00**
 - Where the amount claimed is not less than \$40,000.00 - **\$1,017.00**

Additionally, the amount of any disbursement claimed and evidence as to each should also be provided.

2. The costs indicated have been calculated by reference to the relevant prescribed scale and allow for the minimum amount of work which is usually involved in the type of matter to which they relate.
3. Where the plaintiff adopts the practice referred to above, the Court generally will consider the costs claimed to be fair and reasonable and will allow them, together with the disbursements claimed, provided they are reasonable.
4. If the plaintiff wishes to claim costs which are greater than the amounts indicated above an itemised schedule of costs in taxable form will be required to be lodged and taxed in the usual way.
5. This Practice Direction takes effect from 1 July 2007.

By Direction of the Chief Magistrate, and Magistrates


R.J. Cahill
Chief Magistrate
30 May 2007