

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS RULES REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 9 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. Rule 30 of the Court of Petty Sessions Rules sets out a scale of professional costs to which the successful party is entitled in the case of judgments recovered under a default summons. The scale was last reviewed in 1958. Regulations 1965 No. 9 increase the amount of costs in that scale. The 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.