

Public Trustee and Guardian (Fees) Determination 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026–114

made under the

Public Trustee and Guardian Act 1985, s 75 (Determination of fees and charges)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Minister has power to determine fees for the purposes of the *Public Trustee and Guardian Act 1985*.

The purpose of this determination is to set the fees that will apply beginning on 1 July 2026 and repeal the *Public Trustee and Guardian (Fees) Determination 2025 DI2025-127*. It provides for fee increases in line with annual adjustments to the Wage Price Index (WPI) of 3.25%, rounded down to the nearest dollar for most fees, with the exception of fees that have been consecutively rounded down in previous years by more than \$1.00 which have been rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Fees that were increased above WPI include item 64, where unclaimed money is administered, and item 68, relating to minimum fee on estate administration. A review of fees and charges was undertaken to recalibrate some fees to better cover costs and align with other jurisdictions.

This approach aligns with the 2026-27 Treasury Guideline for Fees and Charges.

The fees determined are maximum amounts. Lower amounts may be charged by the Public Trustee and Guardian under fee reductions and waivers provision in the *Public Trustee and Guardian Act 1985*.

Explanatory notes in the determination list the fees previously determined to enable comparison.

Human Rights

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. In this case, no human rights are impacted.