

Budgetary Arrangements for the Judiciary

PURPOSE

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services held on 24 November 2003, the Administration undertook to –

- (a) provide a breakdown of the cost components of Programme (1): Courts and Tribunals under **Head 80 - Judiciary**; and
- (b) explain the existing items of the Judiciary's fees and charges, the rate of cost recovery and the methodology used for calculating these fees and charges.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Estimated requirement for Programme (1) : *Courts and Tribunals*

2. As stated in the 2003-04 original estimates, the total estimated requirement for the Judiciary for that year includes \$765.3 million for Programme (1): *Courts and Tribunals* and \$266 million for Programme (2): *Support Services for Courts' Operation*, totaling \$1,031.3 million.

3. Programme (1) is for maintaining an independent and competent judicial system which upholds the rule of law, safeguards the rights and freedom of individuals and commands domestic and international confidence. A breakdown of the estimated provision for Programme (1) is given below –

	Provision for Programme (1) \$ million	Provision attributable to remuneration for judges and judicial officers (JJOs) \$ million
Personal emoluments	581.0	269.5
Personnel related expenses	6.0	6.0
Departmental expenses	166.9	-
Others	11.4	-
Total :	<u>765.3</u>	<u>275.5</u>

4. The establishment of the Judiciary as at 31 March 2004 is estimated to be 1,853 posts, including 180 directorate posts. Of the 180 directorate posts, 174 posts are JJOs. The provision attributable to remuneration for JJOs represents about 36% of the total provision for Programme (1), or 27% of that for the entire Head 80.

Fees and charges of the Judiciary

5. The existing fees and charges of the Judiciary are set out in the Annex.

6. Save for a few minor items, the majority of the Judiciary's fees and charges are prescribed in various statutory rules, orders and regulations. They are determined on the basis of global costing methodology whereby the Judiciary's overall costs (less those attributable to court hearings) in the provision of services are enumerated and allocated to individual services on a pro rata basis. Based on the costing exercise conducted at 2000-01 prices, the overall cost recovery rate for these fees and charges was about 92%.

7. However, noting that the more conventional approach of costing on the basis of individual services has not been widely used in the Judiciary, the Judiciary Administrator, in collaboration with the Treasury Branch, is examining the feasibility of replacing the global costing basis with the individual costing basis. We will endeavour to complete the review and to work out the cost recovery rate for each major item as soon as possible.

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
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<i>Fee Set Description</i>	<i>Fee Item Description</i>	<i>Existing Rate (\$)</i>
HONG KONG COURT OF FINAL APPEAL FEES RULES	On filing - an application for leave to appeal	1,045.0
	On filing - any other originating application	1,045.0
	On filing - a Notice of Appeal	2,090.0
	Copy of documents typed in the Registry (per page)	36.0
	Copy of documents typed in the Registry - additional copies (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy of a library book (per page)	4.0
	Search in the Registry - for the Register of Appeals	18.0
	Search in the Registry - for each document or file referred to or required	18.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs under rule 57 of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Rules for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the first \$100,000	6.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs under rule 57 of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Rules for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the next \$150,000	4.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs under rule 57 of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Rules for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the next \$250,000	3.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs under rule 57 of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Rules for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the remainder	1.0
	Processing of a bill of costs which is withdrawn less than 7 days before the appointment for taxation	10% of the taxing fee which would be payable if the bill was to be allowed in full or \$1,000 whichever is
Authentication of document by the Registrar	125.0	
HIGH COURT FEES RULES	Commencement of a cause or matter - on sealing a writ of summons; an originating summons; an originating notice of motion; an originating petition; an originating ex parte application any other origination document	1,045.0
	Entry or setting down for trial in court - setting down a cause or issue for hearing; setting down a civil appeal, motion or summons for hearing; entering a reference for hearing of an assessment of damages	1,045.0
	Taking evidence - for every witness examined de bene esse by a judge or the Registrar (per day or part thereof)	880.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to produce or prove in the High Court any record or document	440.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to give evidence as an expert witness (per hour or part thereof) (or such other fee as is specially assessed by the judge or Registrar)	440.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to give evidence other than as an expert witness (per hour or part thereof, min. \$440)	220.0
	Taking evidence - attendance by the Registrar or officer outside the High Court	1,045.0

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	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same (per page)	36.0
	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same - additional copies (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy and certification (per page)	5.5
	Photostatic copy of a library book (per page)	4.0
	Translation made in the Registry of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa including certificate (per page)	72.0
	Transcription and translation made in the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate (per page)	132.0
	Certifying translations made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, and vice versa (per page)	36.0
	Certifying transcription made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, and vice versa, of a tape or recording (per page)	36.0
	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	18.0
	Service of a document by a bailiff (per document)	110.0
	Arresting any person	630.0
	Execution of writ of possession	1,045.0
	On sealing a warrant for arrest of a defendant; a writ of execution or writ of possession; a writ of habeas corpus; a prohibitory order; an order for the examination of a judgement debtor; a prohibition order (in each case)	1,045.0
	Bailiff's expenses - watchman's fee (per day or part thereof)	330.0
	Bailiff's expenses - caretaker's fee (per day or part thereof)	actual expenses
	Bailiff's expenses - caretaker or watchman's transportation expenses	actual expenditure plus 20% thereof being administrative charges
	On the taxation of a bill of costs or any assessment under Order 62, rule 21(4), for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the first \$100,000	6.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs or any assessment under Order 62, rule 21(4), for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the next \$150,000	4.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs or any assessment under Order 62, rule 21(4), for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the next \$250,000	3.0
	On the taxation of a bill of costs of any assessment under Order 62, rule 21(4), for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed - for the remainder	1.0
	Processing of a bill of costs which is withdrawn less than 7 days before the appointment for taxation	10% of the taxing fee which would be payable if the bill was to be allowed in full or \$1,000 whichever is
	On the sale of a ship or goods in an admiralty case (for every \$1,500 or part thereof of the price)	15.0
	Authentication of document by the Registrar	125.0
	On sealing of a notice in Form No. 80 under Order 50, rule 11(2)	1,045.0
	On sealing of an injunction order undertaken before commencement of a cause	1,045.0

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	Registration of an enduring power of attorney	440.0
	Filing application (except an amended application) for probate or letters of administration or application for resealing of the same	265.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$10,000	160.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$20,000	320.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$50,000	640.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$100,000	800.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$200,000	1,200.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$300,000	1,600.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$400,000	2,400.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$600,000	3,200.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$800,000	4,000.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - if the estate is sworn under the net value of \$1,000,000	4,800.0
	Grants of probate or letters of administration or resealing of the same - for every additional \$100,000 or part thereof (if the estate is sworn over the net value of \$1,000,000)	400.0
	Double or cessate probates, or cessate letters of administration or letters of administration de bonis non, or duplicate probates or letters of administration	145.0
	Probate of a codicil, or letters of administration with a codicil to a will already proved	145.0
	Exemplification of a probate or letters of administration, in addition to the fees for engrossing	145.0
	Engrossing wills and other documents (per page)	72.0
	Every search	18.0
	Commission of appraisalment	72.0
	Caveat (each)	72.0
	Warning to caveat	145.0
	Service of warning	44.0
	Removing caveat	36.0
	Approving and settling administrator's bond and filing	145.0
	Making alteration in grant pursuant to order	72.0
	Every citation	72.0
	Settling citation or abstract of citation for advertisement (per page)	72.0

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<i>Fee Set Description</i>	<i>Fee Item Description</i>	<i>Existing Rate (\$)</i>
	Filing inventory	36.0
BANKRUPTCY (FEES AND PERCENTAGES) ORDER	Bankruptcy petition	1,045.0
	Petition under s.112	1,045.0
	Application for an order of discharge, including the expense of gazetting the date of hearing and the order of the court made on the application	528.0
	Search in the High Court Registry (other than by a petitioner, trustee, bankrupt or any officer of the court) for a document or file referred to or required	18.0
	Office copy of a document (per page or part thereof)	35.0
	Allocatur by the Registrar for any costs, charges or disbursements (for every \$100 allowed or part thereof)	6.0
	On an application to the court to approve a composition, a fee computed on the gross amount of the composition - on every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 up to \$100,000	15.0
	On an application to the court to approve a composition, a fee computed on the gross amount of the composition - on every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 beyond \$100,000	7.5
	On an application to the court to approve a scheme of arrangement, a fee computed on the gross amount of the estimated assets - on every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 up to \$100,000	15.0
	On an application to the court to approve a scheme of arrangement, a fee computed on the gross amount of the estimated assets - on every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 beyond \$100,000	7.5
	On an application for release by a trustee - for every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 of the gross amount of assets realized and brought to credit	5.0
	Registration of assignment of book debts under rule 127 - on producing original assignment, filing attested copy thereof and certified translation (when necessary) in the English language, including registering and marking original	220.0
	Registration of assignment of book debts under rule 127 - every search or official certificate of the result of a search in one name in any register or index in the custody of the Registrar	220.0
	Registration of assignment of book debts under rule 127 - for every additional name if included in the same certificate	110.0
Registration of assignment of book debts under rule 127 - for a duplicate copy of a certificate (per page or part thereof)	35.0	
LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE	Additional fee for each subpoena - where the tenant disputes the landlord's claim and witnesses have to be subpoenaed	55.0
	Additional fee for each watchman - where watchmen are kept in charge of property distrained (per day or part thereof)	330.0
	Charges for removal or storage of property	actual expenditure
	Expenses for conveyance or transportation	actual expenditure plus 20% administrative charges
	Fee for every affidavit, warrant to distrain, notice or other document - sum sued for under \$5,000	60.0

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	Fee for every affidavit, warrant to distrain, notice or other document - sum sued for \$5,000 or above but under \$20,000	120.0	
	Fee for every affidavit, warrant to distrain, notice or other document - sum sued for \$20,000 or above	250.0	
	Commission on sum realized - for every \$100 or part thereof	10.0	
PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE	Commission on moneys received - for the first \$1,000	5%	
	Commission on moneys received - for the next \$4,000	2.50%	
	Commission on moneys received - for the balance	1% or a lower rate as the court may approve	
CORONERS (FEES) RULES	Transcription of notes or record of evidence, documentary exhibits or a document made at an inquest (per page)	36.0	
	Transcription of notes or record of evidence, documentary exhibits or a document made at an inquest - additional copies (per page)	4.0	
	For a copy of a coroner's warrant, order or certificate (per page)	36.0	
	For a photostatic copy of a document made in the Coroner's Office (per page)	4.0	
	Photostatic copy and certification (per page)	5.5	
	Translation made in the Coroner's Office of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa, including certificate (per page)	72.0	
	Transcription and translation made in the Coroner's Office, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate (per page)	132.0	
	Certifying translations made outside the Coroner's Office from Chinese into English, or vice versa (per page)	36.0	
	Certifying transcription made outside the Coroner's Office from Chinese into English, or vice versa (per page)	36.0	
	Search (including inspection) in the Coroner's Office, for each document or file referred to or required	18.0	
	Copy of police officer's report on death of person (per page)	4.0	
	LANDS TRIBUNAL (FEES) RULES	Application to determine compensation other than under the Demolished Buildings (Re-development of Sites) Ordinance	235.0
		Application for an order to exclude premises from application of Part I of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance	235.0
Application to determine compensation under the Demolished Buildings (Re-development of Sites) Ordinance		61.0	
Application for order or determination other than compensation		61.0	
Application under Part II, Part IV or Part V of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance		235.0	
Filing an appeal or Notice of Appeal		235.0	
Interlocutory application ex parte or inter partes		61.0	
Request for a case to be stated		235.0	
Filing order of Tribunal (including signature of registrar and sealing)		61.0	
Filing order of Tribunal (including signature of registrar and sealing) - for each additional copy	33.0		

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<i>Fee Set Description</i>	<i>Fee Item Description</i>	<i>Existing Rate (\$)</i>
	Amending documents in proceedings	61.0
	Filing of expert evidence	61.0
	Marking every exhibit attached to any affidavit or declaration	4.5
	Filing any affidavit or declaration (including administering any oath or declaration in the Registry of the Tribunal)	121.0
	Request for issuing a witness summons (each witness)	61.0
	Application for review under s.8(2) of the Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	235.0
	Application for extension of time under s.19(2) of the Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	235.0
	Lodging of settlement offer under s.23(2) of the Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	61.0
	Application to certify the amount of settlement of compensation under s.33 of the Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance	235.0
	Copy of any document typed in the Registry of the Tribunal and certifying the same (per page)	20.0
	Copy of any document typed in the Registry of the Tribunal and certifying the same - additional copies after the first or top copy and certifying the same (per page)	4.5
	Photostatic copy of any document made in the Registry of the Tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page	5.5
	Photostatic copy of any document made in the Registry of the Tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page exceeding in size 210mm x 297mm	such additional fee as the registrar may fix
	Every search in the Registry of the Tribunal for each register, file or document	18.0
	Attendance of any Government official to produce or prove in the Tribunal any record or document called by any party other than the Government	235.0
	Attendance of any Government official to give expert evidence in the Tribunal called by any party other than the Government	such fee as the President or presiding officer or member of the Tribunal may fix
	Attendance of any Government official to give any other evidence in the Tribunal called by any party other than the Government (per hour or portion of an hour of attendance)	116.0
	Attendance of witness to produce document or other papers (per hour or portion of an hour of attendance)	116.0
	Attendance of witness to give expert evidence	such fee as the President or presiding officer or member of the Tribunal may fix
	Attendance of witness to give any other evidence (per hour or portion of an hour of attendance)	116.0
	Taxing every bill for every \$100 or part of \$100	5.0
	Any certificate of the President or presiding officer or member or the registrar not hereinbefore referred to (per copy of document certified)	61.0

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<i>Fee Set Description</i>	<i>Fee Item Description</i>	<i>Existing Rate (\$)</i>
	Settling any notice or document (per page)	6.6
	Sealing of any document	55.0
	Filing any application, notice or document not hereinbefore referred to	55.0
	Any other matter or proceedings not hereinbefore referred to, and for which no fee has been specified herein	such fee as the registrar may fix
	Translation (per page)	33.0
	Certification	20.0
BILLS OF SALES (FEES) REGULATIONS	On filing a bill of sale and affidavit therewith	440.0
	For an official certificate of the result of a search in one name in any register or index under the custody of the Registrar	210.0
	For every additional name, if included in the same certificate	110.0
	For a duplicate copy or certificate (for each page or part thereof)	28.0
	For a continuation search if made within 14 days of the date of the official certificate (the result to be endorsed on such certificate)	110.0
	For a search of the register	18.0
	For an inspection of each bill of sale	18.0
	Office copy or extract of any registered Bill of Sale and Affidavit (same rate as for office copies of judgments of the High Court)	4.0
LABOUR TRIBUNAL (FEES) RULES	Filing of claims - where the claim does not exceed \$2,000	20.0
	Filing of claims - where the claim exceeds \$2,000 but does not exceed \$5,000	30.0
	Filing of claims - where the claim exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$10,000	40.0
	Filing of claims - where the claim exceeds \$10,000	50.0
	Subpoena and copy including service (each witness)	25.0
	Application for review	45.0
	Application for leave to appeal	45.0
	Issue of certificate of award or order, including copy	20.0
	Issue of certificate of award or order, including copy - for each additional copy	10.0
	Registration of an award or order with the District Court	20.0
	Copy of any document (including written award or order) typed in the Registry of the Tribunal and certifying the same (per page)	5.0
	Every search in the Registry of the Tribunal	15.0
	Photostatic copy of document made in the Registry of the Tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page	5.0

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	Photostatic copy of document made in the Registry of the Tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page exceeding in size 210mm x 297mm	such additional fee as the registrar may fix
	Translation of any foreign document and certificate (per page)	in the discretion of registrar
	Certifying translation (per page)	15.0
	Bailiff's expenses - transportation or conveyance expenses and overtime, according to distance and time	in the discretion of registrar
	Any other matter or proceeding for which no fee has been specified herein	in the discretion of registrar
COMPANIES (FEES AND PERCENTAGES) ORDER	On presenting a petition under s.8 and s.59	1,045.0
	On application under s.64, s.86, s.166, s.290, s.291 and s.291AB	1,045.0
	On presenting a petition for the winding up of a company by or under the supervision of the court	1,045.0
	On an application for release by a liquidator for every \$1,000 or fraction of \$1,000 of the gross amount of assets realized and brought to credit	5.0
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (FEES) RULES	Entry on the roll of solicitors of the name of a solicitor	360.0
	Entry on the roll of barristers of the name of a barrister	360.0
	Registration of notary public	1,135.0
	Application for admission as a solicitor	1,135.0
BARRISTERS (ADMISSION) RULES	Filing of notice of motion for admission as a barrister	1,135.0
MONEY LENDERS REGULATIONS	Fee payable to the Licensing Court for issue of a licence	1,910.0
	Fee payable to the Licensing Court for renewal of a licence	1,910.0
	Fee payable to the Licensing Court for endorsement on a licence of widow, widower or family member, etc.	95.0
	Fee payable to the Licensing Court for endorsement on a licence of additional premises	95.0
	Fee payable to the Licensing Court for endorsement on a licence of substituted premises	95.0
MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (FEES) RULES	Commencement of proceedings - on sealing an originating application or an originating summons; on filing a petition; on filing a joint application; entering a joint application in the special procedure list	630.0
	Application for ancillary relief - on filing a notice of application for an appointment before a judge	630.0
	Transfer or setting down for trial - setting down an undefended cause	630.0
	Transfer or setting down for trial - setting down a defended cause	1,045.0
	Transfer or setting down for trial - transfer from District Court to Court of First Instance or vice versa at the request of the parties	1,045.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to produce or prove any record or document	440.0
	Copy of a document typed in the Registry and certifying same (per page)	36.0
	Copy of a document typed in the Registry and certifying same - additional copies (per page)	4.0

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	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy and certification (per page)	5.5
	Sealing a copy of document with seal of the court	28.0
	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	18.0
	Appeal - on filing a notice of appeal or on setting down an appeal (in each case)	1,045.0
	Execution -on sealing a writ of execution; on sealing an order for the examination of a judgment debtor or on issuing a judgment summons (in each case)	630.0
	On the taxation of a bill costs (for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed)	5.0
	On filing an election to take fixed costs under the District Court (Fixed Costs in Matrimonial Causes) Rules	220.0
CRIMINAL APPEAL RULES	Transcript of trial or other proceedings	17.0
MAGISTRATES (FEES) REGULATIONS	For affixing the signature of a magistrate to any statutory declaration or other document made or required for a purpose other than in or for a magisterial proceeding or matter exclusively within the duties of the office of a magistrate	125.0
	Typed copy of depositions, charges or documentary exhibits in summary cases (per page)	36.0
	Typed copy of depositions, charges or documentary exhibits in summary cases - additional copies (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy of a document made in the magistracy (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy and certification (per page)	5.5
	Translation made in magistracy of a document from Chinese into English or vice versa, including certificate (per page)	72.0
	Transcription and translation made in the magistracy, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate (per page)	132.0
	Certifying translations made outside the magistracy, from Chinese into English, and vice versa (per page)	36.0
	Certifying transcription made outside the magistracy, from Chinese into English and vice versa, of a tape or recording (per page)	36.0
	Search in the magistracy, for each document or file referred to or required	18.0
FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) ORDINANCE	Court costs	500.0
	Court costs	500.0
DISTRICT COURT CIVIL PROCEDURE (FEES) RULES	Commencement of a cause or matter - on sealing a writ of summons (except a concurrent, renewed or amended writ); an originating summons; an originating ex parte application; or any other originating document	630.0
	Entry or setting down for trial in court - applying for pre-trial review; setting down a civil appeal or summons for hearing; entering a reference for hearing of an assessment of damages by a judge or the Registrar	630.0
	Taking evidence - for every witness examined de bene esse by a judge or the Registrar (per day or part thereof)	530.0

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	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to produce or prove in the District Court any record or document	440.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to give evidence as an expert witness (per hour or part thereof) (or such other fee as specially assessed by the judge or Registrar)	440.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of a public officer to give evidence other than as an expert witness (per hour or part thereof, min. \$440)	220.0
	Taking evidence - attendance by the Registrar or officer outside the District Court	630.0
	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same (per page)	36.0
	Copy of documents typed in the Registry and certifying same - additional copies (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy of a document made in the Registry (per page)	4.0
	Photostatic copy and certification (per page)	5.5
	Photostatic copy of a library book (per page)	4.0
	Translation made in the Registry of a document from Chinese into English, or vice versa including certificate (per page)	72.0
	Transcription and translation made in the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording including certificate (per page)	132.0
	Certifying translations made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, and vice versa (per page)	36.0
	Certifying transcription made outside the Registry, from Chinese into English, or vice versa, of a tape or recording (per page)	36.0
	Search in the Registry, for each document or file referred to or required	18.0
	Service of a document by a bailiff (per document)	72.0
	Arresting any person	385.0
	Execution of writ of possession	630.0
	Execution - on sealing a warrant for arrest of a defendant or for attachment of property before judgment, a writ of execution or writ of possession, a prohibitory order, an order for the examination of a judgement debtor or a prohibition order	630.0
	Bailiff's expenses - watchman's fee, for all cases (per day or part thereof)	330.0
	Bailiff's expenses - caretaker's fee (per day or part thereof)	actual expenditure
	Bailiff's expenses - caretaker's or watchman's transportation expenses	actual expenditure plus 20% thereof being administrative charges
	On the taxation of a bill of costs or any assessment under Order 62, rule 21(4) of the Rules of the High Court (for every \$100 or fraction of \$100 of the amount allowed)	5.0

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	Processing of a bill of costs which is withdrawn less than 7 days before the appointment for taxation	10% of the taxing fee which would be payable if the bill was to be allowed in full or \$1,000 whichever is
	Authentication of document by the Registrar	125.0
	On sealing of a notice in Form No. 80 under Order 50, rule 11(2)	630.0
	On sealing of an injunction order undertaken before commencement of a cause	630.0
SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (FEES) RULES	Filing of claim - where the claim does not exceed \$3,000	20.0
	Filing of claim - where the claim exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$17,000	40.0
	Filing of claim - where the claim exceeds \$17,000 but does not exceed \$33,000	70.0
	Filing of claim - where the claim exceeds \$33,000 but does not exceed \$50,000	120.0
	Application for leave to appeal	61.0
	Summons and copy including service (each witness)	33.0
	Application for review	61.0
	Copy of any document (including written award or order) made in the registry of the tribunal and certifying the same (per page)	5.5
	Photostatic copy of document made in the registry of the tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page	5.5
	Photostatic copy of document made in the registry of the tribunal and certification - for each page or portion of a page exceeding in size 210mm x 297mm	such additional fee as the registrar may fix
	Translation of any document made in the registry and certificate (per page)	in the discretion of registrar
	Certifying translation made elsewhere (per page)	20.0
	Every search in the registry of the tribunal for each register, file or document	18.0
	Watchman's fee per diem	83.0
	Transportation or conveyance expenses and overtime, according to distance and time	actual expenditure plus 20% being administrative charges
	Taking evidence - attendance of any Government official to produce or prove in the tribunal any record or document called by any party other than the Government	61.0
	Taking evidence - attendance of any Government official to give any other evidence in the tribunal when called as an expert	in the discretion of registrar
	Taking evidence - attendance of any Government official to give any other evidence in the tribunal when not called as an expert (per hour or portion of an hour of attendance)	61.0
	Filing any affidavit or declaration (other than affidavit or declaration of a bailiff of Court) including administering any oath or taking any declaration in the registry	121.0

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	Filing any notice or document in the tribunal not hereinbefore referred to (other than a notice or document expressing an intention not to proceed with a claim or a defence)	55.0
	Sealing any document in connection with proceedings in the tribunal not hereinbefore referred to	55.0
	Any other matter or proceeding not hereinbefore referred to and for which no fee has been specified herein	such fee as the registrar may fix
CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES REGULATIONS	Application under s.13(1) for classification of by a Tribunal of an article	2,100.0
	Notice under s.15(1) to require a Tribunal to review at a full hearing the interim classification of an article (except where such notice is given by a person referred to in s.13(2))	1,050.0
	Request under s.17(1) to a Tribunal to reconsider the classification of an article (except where such request is made by a person referred to in s.13(2))	2,100.0
	Search of register of notices kept by Registrar under s.19(4)	33.0
	Copy or extract from register of notices kept by Registrar under s.19(4) (per notice)	140.0
	Search of repository of articles kept by Registrar under s.20(1)	420.0
ESTATE AGENTS (REGISTRATION OF DETERMINATION AND APPEAL) REG.	Registration of a determination with the Court	20.0
	Filing of notice of appeal in the Court	630.0
	Copy of document in the register and certification (for each page or portion of a page)	5.0
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	Daily rent for Room L405 in High Court Building	685.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Judges' Mess (per hour or part thereof)	465.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Main Hall or - 9/F Lobby (w.e.f. Aug 1999) (per hour or part thereof)	710.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	530.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Judges' Mess and Main Hall (per hour or part thereof)	1,090.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Judges' Mess and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	805.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Main Hall and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	1,020.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Main Hall, Judges' Mess and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	1,400.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Court Room (per hour or part thereof)	490.0

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	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Staff and Juror Canteen (per hour or part thereof)	510.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Staff Recreation Room (per hour or part thereof)	275.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Conference Room 1 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	665.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Conference Room 2 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	610.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Conference Room 3 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	605.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with ventilation) - Lawyers' Canteen (per hour or part thereof)	665.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Judges' Mess (per hour or part thereof)	605.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Main Hall or - 9/F Lobby (w.e.f. Aug 1999) (per hour or part thereof)	1,060.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	840.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Judges' Mess and Main Hall (per hour or part thereof)	1,430.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Judges' Mess and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	1,210.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Main Hall and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	1,440.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Main Hall, Judges' Mess and Jury Assembly Room (per hour or part thereof)	1,760.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Court Room (per hour or part thereof)	735.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Staff and Juror Canteen (per hour or part thereof)	515.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Staff Recreation Room (per hour or part thereof)	280.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Conference Room 1 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	685.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Conference Room 2 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	625.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Conference Room 3 (LG3) (per hour or part thereof)	620.0
	Rent of the New High Court Building (with air-conditioning) - Lawyers' Canteen (per hour or part thereof)	690.0
	Cost of arbitration by Justice of Appeal (per day or part thereof not less than 2 hours)	24,810.0
	Cost of arbitration by Judge of the Court of First Instance (per day or part thereof not less than 2 hours)	23,650.0
	Cost of arbitration by District Judge (per day or part thereof not less than 2 hours)	18,700.0
	For interlocutory meeting and / or time spent on the arbitration lasting less than 2 hours - Justice of Appeal	12,405.0
	For interlocutory meeting and / or time spent on the arbitration lasting less than 2 hours - Judge of the Court of First Instance	11,825.0
	For interlocutory meeting and / or time spent on the arbitration lasting less than 2 hours - District Judge	9,350.0
	International calls and calls through fax machine (per transaction)	10.5

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	Reader's card for use of High Court Library - for corporate or foreign lawyers	530.0
	Reader's card for use of High Court Library - for law students	110.0
	Reader's card for use of High Court Library - for others	220.0
	Charges for obtaining information through Internet - Provision of daily cause list of various courts (per daily cause list per court)	8.5
	Fee for replacement of staff security pass	93.0
	Transcripts produced from digital audio recording system (per page)	85.0
	Audio tape produced from digital audio recording system (per 60-minute audio tape or part thereof)	105.0
	Photostatic copy by the self-service photocopier (per page)	1.0
	Printing charge for legal reference system (per page)	2.0
	Charges for provision of dubbing MSRS Audio-tape (per tape)	280.0