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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Interpretation.
2. Charge for legal services.
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# INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.



AN ACT

entitled

## *Public Solicitor (Charges) Act 1976,*

Being an Act to enable the Public Solicitor to make a reasonable charge for services provided by him in certain cases.

### **1. INTERPRETATION.**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, “**client**” means a person to whom the Public Solicitor has provided legal assistance.

### **2. CHARGE FOR LEGAL SERVICES.**

(1) Subject to this section, where the Public Solicitor considers that a client is able to make a contribution towards the cost of services provided by the Public Solicitor to the client, the Public Solicitor may make a reasonable charge to the client for those services.

(2) The Public Solicitor shall not make any charge to a client whose income is less than the minimum wage fixed by the Minister under Section 3.

(3) A charge is a debt due to the Public Solicitor from the client.

(4) A charge shall be imposed by presenting or forwarding to the client a memorandum of fees.

(5) The memorandum of fees need not be itemised but may indicate the amount owing as a lump sum.

### **3. MINIMUM WAGE.**

The Minister may, by notice in the National Gazette, fix an amount as the minimum wage for the purposes of this Act.

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**4. MAXIMUM CHARGES.**

Charges made by the Public Solicitor for services provided by him under this Act shall not exceed the amount (if any) fixed by or under any law as the maximum amount chargeable by a legal practitioner for such services.

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