

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subordinate Law No. 4 of 1996

Issued by the Authority of the Judges
of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

SUPREME COURT RULES (AMENDMENT)

These amending Rules amend Rule 58 of Order 65 of the Supreme Court Rules concerning the taxation of party and party bills of costs. The amendments provide for a procedure whereby a party on whom a bill of costs has been served may, by written notice, object to any item in the bill of costs. The requirements of the notice are specified in sub-rule 58(4A). The party on whom the bill of costs has been served will be required to list the item/s objected to and to state shortly, but specifically, the nature and grounds of objection to each item and the amount which it is contended should be taxed off. The costs of the notice may be taken into account by the taxing officer.

The amending rules, which are based on the Federal Court Rules, will facilitate the taxation process.