

Legal Services Amendment (Multi‑use List) Direction 2018

I, Christian Porter, Attorney‑General, make the following direction.

Dated 25 June 2018

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Legal Services Amendment (Multi-use List) Direction 2018*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this instrument | 1 July 2018. | 1 July 2018 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 55ZF of the *Judiciary Act 1903.*

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Legal Services Directions 2017

1 Paragraph 12.3A of Schedule 1

Repeal the paragraph.

2 Paragraph 15 of Schedule 1

Repeal the following definitions:

(a) definition of ***approved Commonwealth company***;

(b) definition of ***approved government business enterprise***.

3 Paragraph 3 of Appendix C to Schedule 1

Omit “$25,000” (wherever occurring), substitute “$100,000”.

4 At the end of paragraph 4D(a) of Appendix D to Schedule 1

Add “; and”.

5 Paragraph 4D(b) of Appendix D to Schedule 1

Omit “, and”, substitute “; and”.

6 After paragraph 4D(c) of Appendix D to Schedule 1

Insert:

; and (d) select female counsel with relevant seniority, expertise and experience in the relevant practice area, with a view to:

(i) senior female barristers accounting for at least 25% of all briefs or 25% of the value of all brief fees paid to senior barristers; and

(ii) junior female barristers accounting for at least 30% of all briefs or 30% of the value of all brief fees paid to junior barristers.

7 Paragraph 4D of Appendix D to Schedule 1 (note)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: Commonwealth agencies are encouraged to publish annually, in a manner that does not disclose the rates paid to individual counsel, information that allows assessment of whether the targets in subparagraphs (d)(i) and (ii) are being met in relation to counsel engaged on their behalf (whether directly or through external lawyers).

Guidance material is available at www.ag.gov.au/LegalSystem/LegalServicesCoordination/

8 Paragraph 1 of Appendix F to Schedule 1 (definition of *LSMUL*)

Repeal the definition.

9 Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Repeal the paragraphs.

10 Subparagraph 5(1) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “, an approved Commonwealth company or an approved government business enterprise”.

11 Subparagraph 5(1) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “on the LSMUL”.

12 Subparagraph 5(2) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “, company or enterprise”.

13 Paragraph 8 of Appendix F to Schedule 1 (heading)

Omit “**agencies**”, substitute “**entities**”.

14 Subparagraph 8(1) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “, an approved Commonwealth company or an approved government business enterprise”.

15 Subparagraph 8(1) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “, company or enterprise” (wherever occurring).

16 Subparagraph 8(1) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “on the LSMUL”.

17 Subparagraph 8(2) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “, an approved Commonwealth company or an approved government business enterprise”.

18 Subparagraph 8(2) of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Omit “on the LSMUL, the entity, company or enterprise”, substitute “, the entity”.

19 Paragraph 9 of Appendix F to Schedule 1

Repeal the paragraph.