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Ms Clare Thompson SC
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By email: lcc@justice.wa.gov.au

Dear Ms Thompson SC

REVIEW OF NON CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS DETERMINATIONS

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2022, giving notice that the *Legal Profession (Non-contentious Probate Costs) Determination 2021*, *Legal Profession (Public Notaries) Determination 2021*, and the *Legal Profession (Solicitors Costs) Determination 2021* (collectively the 'Determinations') are being reviewed.

The Law Society's position is that the *Legal Profession (Non-contentious Probate Costs) Determination 2021* and the *Legal Profession (Solicitors Costs) Determination* should be consolidated and simplified.

As Notarial practice is quite different from legal practice and notaries are appointed under and governed by a separate Act, that Determination should be kept separate.

In relation to the *Legal Profession (Solicitors Costs) Determination 2021*, the Law Society's position is that any increase consistent with CPI should be applied.

Please let me know if the Law Society could provide further assistance to you in your consideration of this matter. If you have any queries please contact Mary Woodford, General Manager Advocacy and Professional Development on 9324 8646 or mwoodford@lawsocietywa.asn.au.

Yours sincerely



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