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An Act to establish monetary units as a method of expressing an indexed amount of money for use under the *Local Courts (Criminal Procedure) Act* 1928 and such other legislation as may be determined

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Monetary Units Act 2018.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

CPI figure for Darwin means the Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index Number for Darwin published by the Australian Statistician under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* (Cth).

monetary unit, is the amount, in dollars, calculated in accordance with section 6.

quarter, of a calendar year, means the period of 3 months ending at the end of March, June, September or December in that year.

Part 2 Principal matters

4 Application

This Act applies to:

(a) the Local Courts (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928; and

(b) any provision in another Act or subordinate legislation that refers to an amount of money that is expressed as a number of monetary units.

5 Reference to monetary unit

A reference to an amount of money that is expressed as a number of monetary units is a reference to the product of that number and the amount of a monetary unit calculated in accordance with section 6 and applied in accordance with section 7.

6 Calculation of monetary unit

(1AA) Despite section 5, the amount of a monetary unit is:

- (a) \$1.04 for the financial year ending on 30 June 2023; and
- (b) the amount calculated in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) for the financial years following 30 June 2023.
- (1) The formula to calculate a monetary unit is:

$$A = B \times \frac{C}{D}$$

where:

A is the amount, in dollars, of a monetary unit for the financial year for which the calculation is made.

B is \$1.00.

C is the average of the CPI figures for Darwin for each of the 4 quarters of the calendar year immediately preceding the financial year for which the calculation is made.

D is the average of the CPI figures for Darwin for each of the 4 quarters of the calendar year 2016.

(2) The amount of a monetary unit, calculated in accordance with the formula in subsection (1), is to be rounded down to 2 decimal places.

Example for subsection (2)

If A is calculated to equal \$1.129, A is then rounded down to 2 decimal places to the value of \$1.12.

7 Application of monetary unit

- (1) The amount calculated under section 6 only applies as the amount of a monetary unit for a financial year if it is equal to or greater than the amount calculated for the previous financial year.
- (2) If the amount calculated under section 6 is less than the amount calculated for the previous financial year, the amount of the monetary unit for the financial year is the amount applicable in the previous financial year.
- (3) The amount of a monetary unit takes effect on 1 July of each year and applies only in respect of matters occurring during that financial year.

8 Notifying new amount of monetary unit

- (1) If the amount of a monetary unit for the next financial year will be greater than the amount for the current financial year, the Chief Executive Officer must, by *Gazette* notice, publish the new amount of the monetary unit before 1 July.
- (2) However, a failure to do so does not affect the operation of section 7.

Part 3 Transitional matters for Revenue Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2022

9 Application of change in value of monetary unit

- (1) The amendment made to this Act by the *Revenue Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2022* applies to matters occurring on or after 1 July 2022.
- (2) This Act, as in force immediately before 1 July 2022, continues to apply to matters occurring before 1 July 2022.

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KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended app = appendix bl = by-law ch = Chapter cl = clause div = Division exp = expires/expired f = forms Gaz = Gazette hdg = heading ins = inserted lt = long title nc = not commenced

od = order om = omitted pt = Part r = regulation/rule rem = remainder renum = renumbered rep = repealed s = section sch = Schedule sdiv = Subdivision SL = Subordinate Legislation sub = substituted

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Monetary Units Act 2018 (Act No. 17, 2018)

Assent date Commenced 6 September 2018 1 November 2018 (*Gaz* G40, 3 October 2018, p 7)

Revenue Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2022 (Act No. 15, 2022)

Assent date 30 June 2022 Commenced 1 July 2022 (s 2)

GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22 of 2018) to: s 4.

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