

Representatives' Fees and Costs

1.0 This Practice Direction:

- discusses the meaning of the word "costs"
- explains that the Tribunal has no authority to award legal costs.

2.0 Costs

2.1 Costs means the money a party spends on a lawyer or a representative to prepare and attend a Tribunal hearing, including charges for expenses such as photocopying.

3.0 No Authority to Award Legal Costs

- 3.1 Parties who retain a representative, whether a lawyer or consultant, are responsible for paying the fees and expenses of that representative.
- 3.2 The Tribunal has no authority to award costs against another party under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*. See: *Decision Nos. 99/91 A, 927/89, 1058/00*.
- 3.3 The Tribunal may refund certain expenses related to a worker's attendance at a hearing. See *Practice Direction: Fees and Expenses* on the Tribunal's website for more information.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 2007.
Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal
I.J. Strachan, Tribunal Chair