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CHAPTER NO. 337.

*Public Solicitor (Charges).*

GENERAL ANNOTATION.

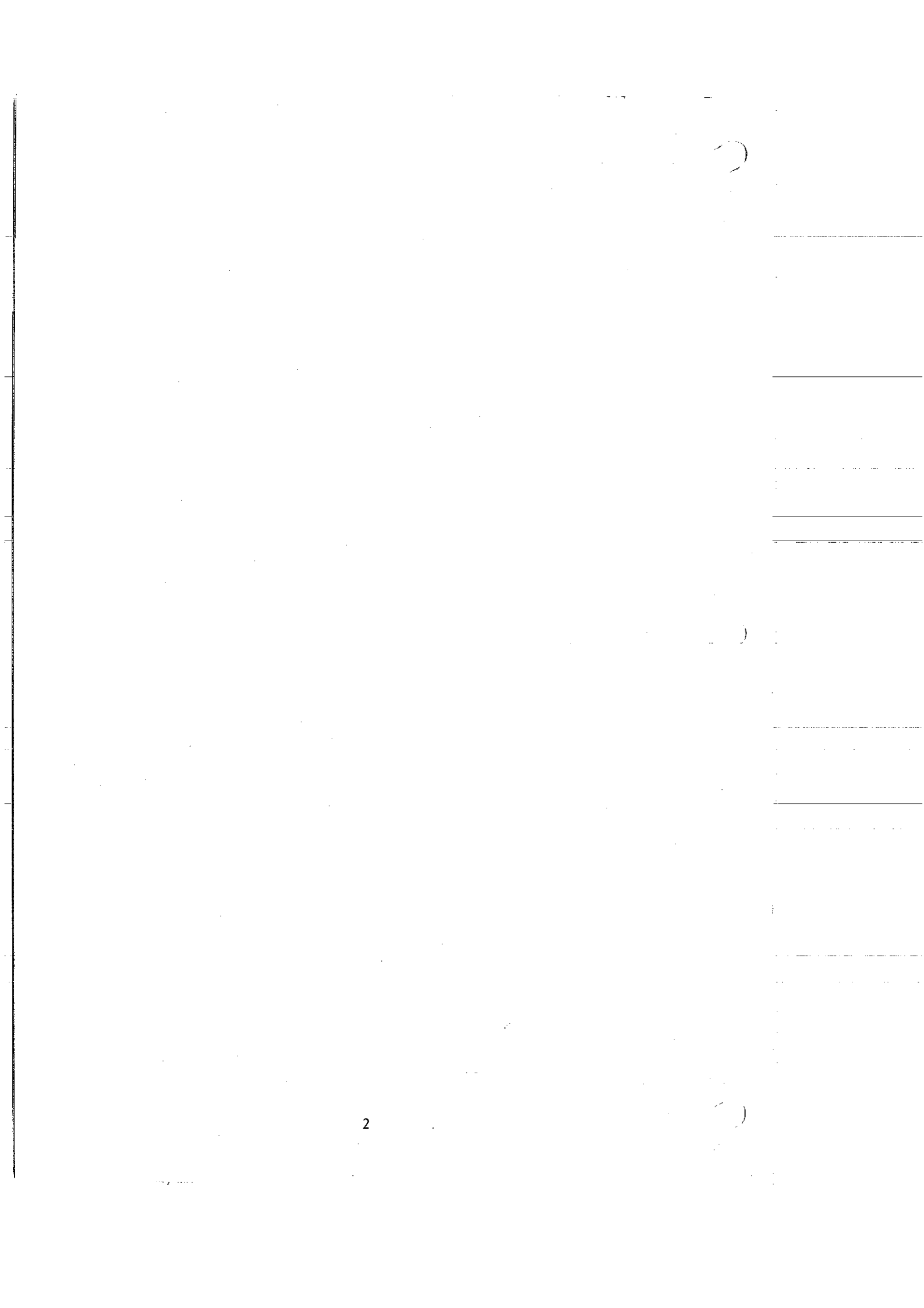
ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of this Chapter was vested in the Minister for Justice at the date of its preparation for inclusion.

The present administration may be ascertained by reference to the most recent Determination of Titles and Responsibilities of Ministers made under Section 148(1) of the Constitution.

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Being an Act to enable the Public Solicitor to make a reasonable charge for services provided by him in certain cases.

**1. Interpretation.**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, "client" means a person to whom the Public Solicitor has provided legal assistance.

**2. Charge for legal services.**

(1) Subject to this section, where the Public Solicitor considers that a client is able to make a contribution towards the cost of services provided by the Public Solicitor to the client, the Public Solicitor may make a reasonable charge to the client for those services.

(2) The Public Solicitor shall not make any charge to a client whose income is less than the minimum wage fixed by the Minister under Section 3.

(3) A charge is a debt due to the Public Solicitor from the client.

(4) A charge shall be imposed by presenting or forwarding to the client a memorandum of fees.

(5) The memorandum of fees need not be itemised but may indicate the amount owing as a lump sum.

**3. Minimum wage.**

The Minister may, by notice in the National Gazette, fix an amount as the minimum wage for the purposes of this Act.

**4. Maximum charges.**

Charges made by the Public Solicitor for services provided by him under this Act shall not exceed the amount (if any) fixed by or under any law as the maximum amount chargeable by a legal practitioner for such services.

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

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Act, Section 3—Fixing of Minimum Wage.

Weekly wage payable to General Labourers at Level 2.

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APPENDIX.

SOURCE OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITOR (CHARGES) ACT.

Part A.—Previous Legislation.

*Public Solicitor (Charges) Act* 1976 (No. 83 of 1976).

Part B.—Cross References.

Section, etc. in Revised Edition.	Previous Reference <sup>1</sup> .
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2	2
3	3
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<sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise indicated, references are to the Act set out in Part A.

