

## FACT SHEET

### *Costs of Criminal Convictions Bill 2015*

The Costs of Criminal Convictions Bill 2015 is a Bill to recover some of the general costs of law enforcement and administration from persons sentenced for offences and crimes in Tasmania.

This Bill provides that an offender is liable to pay criminal conviction costs of \$50 when sentenced by the Magistrates Court and criminal conviction costs of \$150 when sentenced by the Supreme Court.

The criminal conviction costs represents an administrative fee that an offender (other than a child) sentenced by a Tasmanian court must pay.

Criminal conviction costs will be imposed at the time of sentencing.

If a person is sentenced for more than one offence in the same proceeding, they will only have to pay the criminal conviction costs once.

The criminal conviction costs do not form part of a sentence, and the costs apply whether a conviction is recorded or not.

The potential liability to pay the criminal conviction costs is not to be taken into consideration when a sentence is determined by the court.

The criminal conviction costs must be paid within 28 days after all proceedings have been completed in respect of the offence unless a court orders that the criminal conviction costs are to apply from the date of conviction for the offence or, where an offender is sentenced to a term of imprisonment that is not wholly suspended, the date on which the offender is released. There can be no waiver of these costs.

The levy does not apply to resentences. For example, if a person is re-sentenced for the same offence, they will not have to pay the criminal conviction costs again.

Unpaid criminal conviction costs will be referred to the Monetary Penalties Enforcement Service.