

Value for money?



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Have you ever wondered how the CPD programme is funded? A CPD money tree out the back perhaps?. Unfortunately, no!

The CPD programme is self funding. Whilst you may believe it is an expensive exercise, please take time to refer below to a snapshot of what practitioners pay in other jurisdictions.

To give you an idea of the current financial years monthly income and expenditure here are July and August 2009.

July	surplus	\$191.00
August	deficit	\$8,263.96

You must be asking yourself surely there must be some kind of mismanagement here, what is going on!

To give you an overview, most interstate speakers expect the Law Society to pay for accommodation and flights to Darwin. This cost is approximately \$1,500. To hire a venue the average cost is \$200 - \$400 for a session. If you require AV equipment then the charges are \$50 plus depending on what you want to hire!

If you want a top notch speaker you will also need to pay for appearance fees from \$1,000 anywhere up to \$5,000 plus.

The Law Society has been fortunate enough to have been offered some very good speakers and the Society has taken advantage of cost sharing, which is beneficial financially and creates an opportunity to network with other professions.

It is not all doom and gloom! The Law Society Northern Territory would like to thank William Forster Chambers, Justice Riley, Justice Olsson, Justice Mansfield and Justice Reeves, the Supreme Court in both Darwin and Alice Springs for hosting and/or presenting a number of CPD sessions at no cost and this has assisted LSNT members to substantially reduce their professional development costs.

The Law Society is aware of everyone tightening their belts and budgets and has and will continue to offer free CPD where the Society can. LSNT welcomes any suggestions for topics, presenters and venues.

If a saving can be passed onto members we can work together to ensure every member benefits. }

Law Society	CPD Delivery Method	Cost
Law Society SA	Face to face Video conference	\$70 for weekly session less than 3 years experience \$90 for weekly session more than 5 years experience \$115 for half day session less than 3 years experience \$160 for half day session more than 5 years experience There is no difference if session is face to face or video conference
Law Society WA	On-line DVD Face to face Video conference	\$75 \$155 approximately for 1.5 hour session, Young Lawyers \$105
Law Institute of VIC	Face to face	\$95 for one hour session \$155 approximately for 1.5 hour session, Young Lawyers \$100
Law Society QLD	Face to face Video conference DVD	Prices are not set and are determined by number of speakers Minimum cost \$88, with half day at \$132 and full day \$539 DVD's are charged at the same rate as the session
Law Society NSW	Online Podcast Face to face	\$80 \$80 \$99 for one hour session \$115 for 1.5 hour session \$245 for 3 hour session

Please note this information has been sourced from each website only and prices were valid as at 19 August 2009