

Practice Directions - No. 23 of 1991

Use of extrinsic material in the interpretation of an act

Where, in proceedings before the Full Court or Court of Criminal Appeal, a party proposes to rely on extrinsic material pursuant to s 15AB of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth) or s 14B of the Acts Interpretation Act 1954 (Qld), that party shall give to any other party and to the registrar at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of intention specifying the material on which it is intended to rely.

The use of extrinsic material will not be allowed without leave of the court in any case where the required notice has not been given to the other party.

Subsection (2) of s 15AB of the Commonwealth Act and s 14B(3) of the Queensland Act provide guidance as to what may constitute extrinsic material.

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