



## **Disbursements tariff – Gladue reports changes**

The Gladue reports item has been updated in the Disbursements chapter of the *LSS Tariffs*. The changes include:

- Removing “pilot” language and adding clarification that if budget is limited, LSS may be required to prioritize requests based on potential loss of liberty, length of criminal record and availability of resources.
- Renaming the *Meterage – Gladue report writers* item to *Gladue report writer – expenses* and expanding the item to include expenses for parking, transit fees, small rental fees for meeting rooms, and long distance phone calls, in addition to meterage, for a combined total of up to \$150.

These tariff changes will enable Gladue report writers to be reimbursed for a wider range of expenses. The updated Disbursements chapter of the *LSS Tariffs* is now available on the LSS website at [legallaid.bc.ca](http://legallaid.bc.ca) (under Lawyers – LSS Tariffs) and in LSS Online under Resources.

## **Transition rule for contracts**

The updated item will be available for Gladue reports authorized on or after December 18, 2019.

## **Background**

The *Gladue reports* and *Meterage – Gladue report writers* disbursement tariff items were introduced in 2011. The items require updates to accommodate changes to the Gladue program and the needs of Gladue writers.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LSS Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email [lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca](mailto:lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca).

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