

Federal Court



Cour fédérale

Date: 20120426

Docket: T-1101-06

Citation: 2012 FC 491

BETWEEN:

KHETAM THAIHER ZEID

Plaintiff

and

**MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Defendant

ASSESSMENT OF COSTS - REASONS

Charles E. Stinson
Assessment Officer

[1] The Court dismissed with costs this statutory appeal by way of action further to section 30 of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, SC 2000, c 17.

I issued a timetable for written disposition of the assessment of the bill of costs of the Defendant.

The Plaintiff did not file any materials in response to the Defendant's materials.

[2] The Applicant did not file any materials in response to the Respondent's materials. My view often expressed in comparable circumstances, is that the *Federal Courts Rules* do not contemplate a litigant benefiting by having an assessment officer step away from a neutral position to act as the

litigant's advocate in challenging given items in a bill of costs. However, the assessment officer cannot certify unlawful items, i.e. those outside the authority of the judgment and the tariff.

[3] Although there were items in the bill of costs of the Defendant which might have attracted disagreement, its total amount is generally arguable as reasonable and is allowed as presented at \$9,376.11.

“Charles E. Stinson”
Assessment Officer

Vancouver, BC
April 26, 2012

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STYLE OF CAUSE: KHETAM THAIHER ZEID v MINISTER OF PUBLIC
SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**ASSESSMENT OF COSTS IN WRITING WITHOUT PERSONAL APPEARANCE
OF THE PARTIES**

REASONS FOR ASSESSMENT OF COSTS: CHARLES E. STINSON

DATED: April 26, 2012

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