

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1/2008

WITNESS SUMMONSES

1. Criminal Jurisdiction

A witness summons issued pursuant to the *Criminal Procedure Act 2004* is required by section 162 (2) to be served a reasonable time before the attendance date. It is this Court's expectation that, unless there are particular circumstances of urgency, any summons will be served not less than 14 days prior to the date specified for compliance.

2. Civil Jurisdiction

Rule 71 (3) of the *Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Rules 2005* and Rule 39 (3) of the *Magistrates Court (Minor Cases Procedure) Rules 2005* each require any witness summons to be lodged and served on the witness at least 14 days before the trial date.

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Chief Magistrate