

Attachment A

Criminal Case Processing

Process of Matters through the Local Court

First Appearance

Table matters

- Matter to proceed summarily in accordance with Chapter 5 of PN Crim 1 unless election made: at first appearance, where plea of not guilty entered, matter adjourned for **4 weeks** for service of brief and **3 weeks** for reply
- Election must be made by first return date after orders for service of brief

Strictly Indictable matters or Table matters where election made at or by first appearance

- At first appearance unless plea of guilty entered: brief service orders made
- Matter adjourned for **6 weeks** for service of brief and **3 weeks** for reply

Second Appearance

- Matter adjourned for **6 weeks** for any negotiations between the parties, comprising:
 - The initial 2 weeks for service of any defence submissions or prosecution offers
 - The second 2 weeks for consideration and response by the other party to any submissions or offers
 - The final 2 weeks for all negotiations to be concluded, and in the case of a plea of guilty, the preparation of agreed facts to be presented to the court on the adjourned date

Third Appearance

- Matter proceeds by waiver of committal

-or-

- Matter adjourned with orders made for:
 - The filing and service of s 91/93 submissions by the accused in **2 weeks**
 - Further mention for reply in **4 weeks**

Fourth Appearance

- Matter proceeds by waiver of committal

-or-

- Matter listed at first available opportunity for
 - Hearing of contested s 91/93 application; or
 - Committal hearing (if there is agreement under s 91/93).