



CDPP

Australia's Federal Prosecution Service

Schedule (2025FI00029)

Document sought under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*:

"The total funds spent or earmarked by the CDPP in the 2022-2023 financial year for criminal-cartel prosecutions (under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010)".

Business Rules:

- Matters with at least one charge against *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) or the main charge is against *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) including where charges not yet laid.
- Matter was received before 1 July 2023 and file closed after 30 June 2022 (Limited to FY23).
- Date file closed is when the CDPP completed work on the file, and not always when the matter was completed in court

The Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) (the CCA) contains both criminal sanctions for serious cartel conduct and civil sanctions for cartel conduct. This enables a proportionate response to cartel conduct. Criminal investigations and prosecutions are targeted at serious cartel conduct.

There is a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Cth) (CDPP) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). The MOU and the CDPP Prosecution Policy guide prosecutions under the CCA. The MOU and the Prosecution Policy can be found on our website and links to them have been provided below.

From our records the funds spent during the 2023 financial year for prosecutions under the CCA is **\$197,144.00**. This amount represents legal costs but does not include counsel expenses which were refunded by the ACCC.

Website links:

- [Prosecution Policy | Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions](#)
- [EO - MOU - ACCC CDPP - Signed by ACCC Chair 12 December 2024 and Director of Public Prosecutions \(Cth\) 13 December 2024.pdf](#)