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Agreement with WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, to be done at Geneva during December 2008 ([2008] ATNIF 16)

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Supplementary Submission

IP Australia would like to provide clarification of a point on page 10 where Mr Forrest in querying costs referred to a figure of \$750,000.

A figure of \$750,000 is also mentioned in the National Interest Analysis. For further elaboration this is the combined annual contribution IP Australia and the Attorney-General's Department pay to WIPO, on behalf of Australia as a Member State, under the *Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization*. This figure has fluctuated slightly since 1994, often due to the exchange rate.