

Under the Employment Relations Act 2000

**BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AUTHORITY
AUCKLAND OFFICE**

BETWEEN Alice Li (Applicant)
AND Auckland University of Technology (Respondent)
REPRESENTATIVES Garry Pollak, Counsel for Applicant
K Beck, Counsel for Respondent
MEMBER OF AUTHORITY R A Monaghan
MEMORANDA RECEIVED 5 January and 14 February 2005
DATE OF DETERMINATION 15 February 2005

DETERMINATION OF THE AUTHORITY ON COSTS

- [1] In a determination of the above matter dated 13 December 2004 I found Ms Li had a personal grievance on the ground of unjustified dismissal, and reserved costs.
- [2] Counsel for Ms Li has filed a memorandum seeking a contribution to costs. Bearing in mind Ms Li is in receipt of a grant of legal aid, costs were sought in the sum of \$7,500 plus GST as well as disbursements totalling \$245. The latter includes the filing fee of \$70.
- [3] Counsel for the Auckland University of Technology submitted that amount was excessive and that an award in the range of \$2000 - \$3,000 would be appropriate for a comparatively straightforward meeting taking 1.5 days.
- [4] I accept counsel's submission and award the sum of \$2,500 as a contribution to costs, plus disbursements of \$245.

R A Monaghan
Member, Employment Relations Authority