

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Fee for Services

Question reference number: HS 110

Senator: Ludwig

Type of question: Written

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Question:

- a) Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include:
 - 1) Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.
 - 2) How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).
 - 3) The date the fee came into place.
- b) Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.
- c) What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?
- d) How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?
- e) What justification is there for the fee?

Answer:

- a) No fees or charges have been introduced in the last 12 months.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) Not applicable.