

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 213(a)

Program 1.1

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Topic: Fee for Services

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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:
2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.
3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).
4. The date the fee came into place.
5. 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.
6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?
7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?
8. What justification is there for the fee?

Answer:

1. No existing services provided by the department have moved from being free to a user-pay service. No additional fees been placed on existing services.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. N/A