

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 187
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Policy Analysis and Implementation (PAAI)
Topic: Fee for Service
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Question Date: 19 February 2016
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig 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. Since 14 September 2015, no existing services provided by the Department of the Environment or its Portfolio Agencies have moved from free to a user-pay service.

(2 - 8) Not applicable