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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 374

Australia Post

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Topic: Cost of Post office box

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. What is the current cost of a PO box renewal notice in 2017?
2. What was the cost of a PO box renewal notice in 2010?
3. What was the cost of a PO box renewal notice in 2000?
4. Who sets prices for the PO boxes?
5. What underlying factors have led to price increases for this service?

Answer:

1. See Attachment 1.
2. See Attachment 1.
3. See Attachment 1.
4. Australia Post.
5. As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is required to perform its functions in a manner consistent with sound commercial practice. Against this background, Australia Post charges a fee to cover the capital and administrative costs of providing its post office box service.

Attachment 1

		2000	2010 Regular	2010 Pay on Time	2017 Regular	2017 Pay on Time
STANDARD	SMALL	\$ 49.50	\$ 84.50	\$ 79.50	\$ 129.00	\$ 124.00
	MEDIUM	\$ 79.20	\$ 128.00	\$ 123.00	\$ 191.00	\$ 186.00
	A4	Not applic.	\$ 172.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 254.00	\$ 249.00
	LARGE	\$ 126.50	\$ 206.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 304.00	\$ 299.00
	JUMBO	Not applic.	\$ 400.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 589.00	\$ 584.00
	LOCKED BAG WITH PRIVATE BOX	\$ 154.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 337.00
	LOCKED BAG	\$ 187.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 449.00
SPECIFIED	SMALL	\$ 90.20	\$ 142.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 196.00
	MEDIUM	\$ 143.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 301.00	\$ 296.00
	A4	Not applic.	\$ 286.00	\$ 281.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 396.00
	LARGE	\$ 224.40	\$ 356.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 493.00	\$ 488.00
	JUMBO	Not applic.	\$ 685.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 933.00	\$ 928.00
	LOCKED BAG WITH PRIVATE BOX	\$ 214.50	\$ 320.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 454.00
	LOCKED BAG	\$ 275.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 611.00	\$ 606.00
GPO	SMALL	\$ 137.50	\$ 202.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 284.00	\$ 279.00
	MEDIUM	\$ 220.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 435.00
	A4	Not applic.	\$ 412.00	\$ 407.00	\$ 567.00	\$ 562.00
	LARGE	\$ 330.00	\$ 498.00	\$ 493.00	\$ 691.00	\$ 686.00
	JUMBO	Not applic.	\$ 860.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 999.00	\$ 994.00
	LOCKED BAG WITH PRIVATE BOX	\$ 269.50	\$ 395.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 549.00	\$ 549.00
	LOCKED BAG	\$ 352.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 537.00	\$ 759.00	\$ 754.00
REDUCED RATE	SMALL	\$ 11.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 31.00
	MEDIUM	\$ 22.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 33.50	\$ 57.00	\$ 52.00
	LARGE	\$ 33.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 77.00
	LOCKED BAG WITH PRIVATE BOX	\$ 44.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00
	LOCKED BAG	\$ 55.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 121.00