DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Fee for services

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-90

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? 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. The Anti-Dumping Review Panel (ADRP) became a user-pay service from 2 November 2015. The ADRP has since resumed being a free service after the fee instrument was disallowed on 2 March 2016.
- 2. A fee was charged in order to have anti-dumping decisions reviewed by the ADRP.
- 3. The fee was \$1,000 for individuals and small to medium enterprises and \$10,000 for large organisations and foreign governments.
- 4. The fee was effective from 2 November 2015 to 2 March 2016.
- 5. There were no reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service.
- 6. A draft of the legislative instrument that gave effect to the fee was released on 15 May 2015. Targetted consultations were also held with industry stakeholders.
- 7. The introduction of the fee was part of the anti-dumping reforms package announced in 2014. The package and the enabling legislation passed the Parliament on 13 May 2015. The fee instrument that set the amount of the fees came into effect on 2 November 2015. When the instrument was disallowed on 2 March 2016, this ceased the fee.
- 8. The fee was intended to partially recover the costs associated with conducting reviews of anti-dumping decisions and to deter frivolous applications for review of anti-dumping decisions.