

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Question No. AE15/130

Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. Has the Government estimated the cost to industry of site-blocking?
 - a. What is the expected cost per site blocked?
 - b. What is the expected aggregate cost, industry-wide, once the scheme is in full operation?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. Yes
 - a. The cost involved in blocking an online location will depend on a number of factors, including the size and existing infrastructure of ISPs, and the terms of the court order. The estimate for the processing costs of implementing an injunction (including work related labour costs) that was used in preparing the Short-Form Regulation Impact Statement varied from \$263-\$350.
 - b. As noted in the Explanatory Memorandum to the *Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015*, the estimated total aggregate cost to CSPs on an annual basis is \$130,825.