

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

Program: Portfolio

Question No. AE16/126

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

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?

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

1-8. To provide the level of detail required from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.