

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0280) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Eggleston (L&CA) asked:

What is the current fee for applications and for renewals and has there been discussion on increasing either?

*Answer.*

The current application fee for the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) is \$200, regardless of whether the person is a new applicant or reapplying for an ABTC.

A DIAC review into cost recovery arrangements recently identified that the processing fee should be raised to \$300 to cover costs associated with service to clients. The likelihood that the fee would be raised was discussed during consultations held by DIAC with business organisations.