

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Fee for service

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Senator: Ludwig

Type of question: Written

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- a) 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:
- b) Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.
- c) How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).
- d) The date the fee came into place.
- e) 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.
- f) What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?
- g) How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc.)?
- h) What justification is there for the fee?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) to h) Not applicable.