

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 274  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - FEE FOR SERVICE  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 29 October 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since September 7, 2013, 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:

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

**Answer:**

**Department of the Environment**

No.

a-g. Not applicable.

***Portfolio Agencies***

The following Portfolio Agencies provided a 'nil' response for all questions listed above:

Bureau of Meteorology; Clean Energy Regulator; Climate Change Authority; Director of National Parks; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; National Water Commission and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.