

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS
Question: AET 2909-2916
Topic: Fee for services
Reference: Written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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

2909. 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:

2910. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.

2911. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).

2912. The date the fee came into place.

2913. 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.

2914. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?

2915. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?

2916. What justification is there for the fee?

Answer:

2909 Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015, no existing services moved from being free to a user pay service. No additional fees have been placed on existing services.