

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Question

NQF application fee on waivers

Senator McKENZIE: We also heard in recent inquiries about the use of waivers. I know ACECQA's report went to issues of waivers. Can you explain the purpose of the waivers and the cost to the service of applying for waivers? Flesh out a bit the mechanics around that. Advise why so many services are needing those waivers. ...

Mr De Silva: Sure. So under the national law, you can apply for two types of exemptions or waivers from meeting one of the requirements under the national quality standard or under the national regs. One is on an ongoing basis, and that is referred to as a service waiver. The other one is for a period of up to 12 months, and that is referred to as a temporary one. I will need to take it on notice if there is an application fee, but I can get that to you quite quickly.

Answer

The fee required to be paid with an application for a service or temporary waiver as at 4 July 2014 is \$102.