

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Fee for services**

Question: **234**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

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

1. 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

No.