

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

**Question No. AE16/013**

**Senator Rhiannon asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:**

Senator RHIANNON: With this new system, is the new way of doing it a greater cost to an applicant than would be charged were the function in question to be under the OAIC?

Mr Pilgrim: As I said, out of the 249 applications we received for Information Commissioner review, we finalised some 236. Of those, there is no application fee to lodge a request or an application for an IC review with our office. Of those 236 that we finalised, 10 per cent were closed by our office, as we formed a decision that they would be best dealt with by going to the AAT—and, yes, there is a lodgement fee with the AAT.

Senator RHIANNON: Can you expand on the lodgement fee?

Mr Pilgrim: I might need to have this corrected, but I believe it is \$861 at the moment.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner confirms that the Administrative Appeal Tribunal's standard application fee is \$861.