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Senator Campbell asked about:

Can you provide a general comparison between IP Australia's fees and those of other IP offices?

ANSWER

IP Australia conducts a comparative analysis of major revenue lines against other IP offices each year. The last analysis was finalised in September 2005. The results of the analysis were as follows.

A comparison in US dollars of IP Australia's official fees with those of other IP offices shows that, for patents, Australia remained steady as the eighth least expensive out of 30 OECD countries. For trade marks, Australia remained relatively steady at 16th least expensive for a trade mark in a single class of goods or services, but is fifth most expensive for two classes.

These findings support the results of the cost recovery fee review where patents fees are set to increase and trade marks fees to decrease.