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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: IP AUSTRALIA

TOPIC: Patent Application Assessment Costs

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QUESTION No.: BI-62

Senator CORMANN—What would be the average cost to IP Australia of assessing a patent application in the high-technology sector—pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and software?

Mr Noonan—We would not divide the cost of assessing patents by particular sectors. Perhaps I could take that on notice.

ANSWER

The average cost to IP Australia for assessing a patent application in the high-technology sector is approximately:

Pharmaceuticals	\$7,100
Biotechnology	\$7,100
Software	\$6,300