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TOPIC: ETHICAL CLOTHING AUSTRALIA

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-31

Is it also correct that to join Ethical Clothing Australia a business faces a joining fee of at least \$440 and sometimes as much as \$2,200?

ANSWER:

Ethical Clothing Australia (ECA) does not charge a joining fee. ECA administers a voluntary accreditation and labelling scheme, known as the Home Workers Code of Practice. An application fee for accreditation applies and varies according to the applicant's turnover. The fee structure is detailed on ECA's website: www.ethicalclothingaustralia.org.au