

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0177) PROGRAM – OMARA**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of agent registration and re-registration fees for each of the financial years from 2007 to date? What factors determine the amount charged for agent registration and re-registration fees? Is it anticipated to increase the cost of registration and re-registration fees?

*Answer:*

The cost of registration fees paid by migration agents is set out in the *Migration Agents Registration Charge Regulations 1998*. There is a maximum charge limit specified in the *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997* which was set at \$1800 on 30 June 2002 and is indexed to CPI.

The fees have not increased since 1 July 2005 and there are no plans to increase them. The charges specified in legislation are set out below:

|                       | Initial application | Repeat application |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Commercial agents     | \$1760.00           | \$1595.00          |
| Non-commercial agents | \$160.00            | \$105.00           |