

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 78

Senator Marshall asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

In relation to the Administrative Appeal Tribunal how are the \$639 fee for a review of a decision and the \$64 fee determined?

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

\$639 is the standard application fee for review of a decision in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). \$64 is the fee for small taxation applications in the AAT.

The standard application fee was introduced in 1987. Between 1987 and September 1996 the standard application fee was increased from time to time taking into account consumer price index (CPI) increases and additional revenue components to offset costs.

Since September 1996 an automatic biennial fee increase, based on increases in the CPI, has applied. The increase takes place on 1 July in all even years.