

COMMERCE PORTFOLIO — AGENCY FEES AND CHARGES

4758. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Commerce

For each agency in the Commerce portfolio since 23 September 2008 —

- (1) Has any tariff, fee or charge increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index for that year?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) what was the name and purpose of the tariff, fee or charge;
  - (b) on what date did the increase come into effect;
  - (c) what was the amount of the tariff, fee or charge prior to the increase;
  - (d) what was the amount of the tariff, fee or charge following the increase;
  - (e) what was the amount the tariff, fee or charge was above the consumer price index for that year;
  - (f) why was the increase above the consumer price index; and
  - (g) what is the current amount of the tariff, fee or charge?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Department of Commerce

- (1) The Commerce Department has responsibility for the collection of 754 tariffs, fees or charges. Over 80% of these either did not increase, or increased at or below the Consumer Price Index.

- (2) [See paper 4064.]

96.6% of the fees and charges that increased did so as a result of applying the Treasury's rounding guidelines. Of the total number of fees and charges the Department of Commerce has responsibility for 18% were rounded up while 32% were rounded down.

The 5 remaining fees & charges that increased were being charged at considerably less than the cost of providing the service and were increased in order to maintain current levels of service delivery.

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- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

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- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.