

COMMERCE — REGULATOR FEES AND FINES

5690. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the Income and Statement Budget 2012/13, Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 2, page 467, in relation to the line item Regulator fees and fines, and I ask —

- (1) What is the reason behind the rise in this line item since the 2010–11 Actual?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a break-down for the categories of fees and charges into —
  - (a) 2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13 and the forward estimates; and
  - (b) The amount for each fee or fine category?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) This income includes receipts from fees and fines in the WorkSafe, EnergySafety, Plumbers, Motor Vehicle industry, Building Commission, and Real Estate and Settlement Agents areas. The significant increase from 2011/12 arises from the expected introduction of the Building Services levy principally to fund the functions currently under the Builder's and Painter's Registration Boards (Building Services levy of \$12.6m budgeted in 2011/12) and the income received from the Real Estate and Settlement Agents Trust accounts (anticipated to be approximately \$18m per year). Some revenues streams are projected to decrease with the transfer of some functions to the Commonwealth under the COAG reforms (Business Names, Register of Encumbrances Vehicle Scheme, and Trading Standards).
- (2) (a)–(b) [See paper 4799.]