

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

(To Elected Members and CEOs)

ADJUSTMENT OF FEES & CHARGES

Local Government (Freedom of Information–Fees and Charges) Regulations 1991

Local Government (General) Regulations 1999

Private Parking Areas Regulations 1987

Regulations have been made to increase three sets of fees:

- under the Schedule of the *Local Government (Freedom of Information–Fees and Charges) Regulations 1991* in relation to fees payable with respect to freedom of information applications to a Council; and
- under regulation 11 of the *Private Parking Areas Regulations 1987* in relation to expiation fees payable to Councils; and
- under Schedule 2 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 1999* in relation to fees payable with respect to a review of a valuation by a valuer engaged by a Council.

The fees associated with freedom of information applications to a Council (Part 5A of the *Local Government Act 1934*) are being increased to a level that is consistent with equivalent fees under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, which are similarly being increased.

A number of expiation fees in the *Private Parking Areas Regulations 1987* are being increased to a level that retains parity with equivalent expiation fees under the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, which are similarly being increased.

The fees associated with a review of a valuation by a licensed valuer engaged by a Council (s.169 of the *Local Government Act 1999*) are being increased to a level that is consistent with fees associated with a review by the Valuer-General pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1971*, which are similarly being increased.

Schedule 2 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* also prescribe a fee of \$10 in respect of an application for a certificate of liabilities under section 187(3)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1999*. This fee remains unaltered.

The regulations are available in the Government Gazette of 31 May 2001.

The regulations come into operation on Sunday 1 July 2001.

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