

LANDGATE — FEES

551. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the forecast 2020–21 Landgate fee increases.

- (1) Why are these proposed fee increases necessary when electronic conveyancing was promoted on the basis of efficiency and reduced costs?
- (2) Is there any scope for a fee decrease?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Lands.

- (1) Since electronic conveyancing was introduced in 2014, Landgate has experienced a decrease in the annual volume of regulated land titling registrations transactions from 343 000 in 2013–14, to 237 000 in 2018–19. Landgate's fees are not included in the state government's household basket of fees and charges, as most people require Landgate services on an infrequent basis. Landgate recovers its operating costs by charging fees for the services it provides. The proposed rate of increase to Landgate's regulated and non-regulated fees in 2020–21 is two per cent, with allowance for minor rounding based on the state's forecast consumer price index.
- (2) No. Landgate always seeks to minimise its fee increases; however, it must maintain capacity to deliver services to the state.