

## Other Tariffs, Fees and Charges

Agencies subject to the *Financial Management Act 2006* are required to review their fees and charges at least once a year in accordance with Treasurer's Instruction 810 to ensure they are reflective of costs and in compliance with the Government's pricing and costing guidelines. The annual review has been completed as part of the 2014-15 Budget process. In most instances, fees and charges have increased by the CPI reference rate of 2.6%. The following is a selection of fees and charges that are either new or involve increases in excess of the reference rate of inflation.

### Health

A total of 126 tariffs, fees and charges will increase by greater than CPI in 2014-15. The main fees include hospital accommodation charges payable by patients, and staff and visitor car parking fees.

Hospital accommodation charges will increase by 10% where full cost recovery is not being achieved. In relation to private patients, where hospital accommodation charges are not achieving full cost recovery, charges will increase at much lower rates (of between 2.5% to 4.9%) in accordance with Commonwealth regulation.

Three car parking fees will increase at a rate above CPI. Two of the car parking fees are in relation to staff parking at the Royal Perth Hospital and Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, and are consistent with the decision made last year during Parliament's consideration of the regulations to change the staff parking fee. The Parliament's decision was to increase the parking fees by 70 cents per annum until the charge reaches \$7.50 per day in 2017.

Other fees that will increase at a rate above CPI include licence and registration fees for food safety, pesticide safety, septic tanks, radioactive substances, reproductive technology, therapeutic poisons, and tobacco. These changes will facilitate greater cost recovery.

### Transport

The Perth Parking Levy (PPL) will increase by \$365 (or around \$1 per day) phased-in over the next two years. Revenue raised from this increase will assist in funding the underground Perth Busport (already partly funded from existing PPL revenue).

A Driver and Vehicle Services Regional Price Index will be applied to vehicle examination fees so that higher rates are charged to reflect the higher cost of providing this service in regional areas. The initial inspection fees in 2014-15 range from \$88.45 to \$104.90 for light vehicles and from \$143.60 to \$170.30 for heavy vehicles (subsequent inspection fees are lower than initial inspection fees). This represents increases ranging between 2.5% to 21.6% when compared to the 2013-14 fees.