

## QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

### 13775 (2026). Camilla Belich MP to the Minister for Building and Construction

*What fee increases have been proposed or approved since 27 November 2023 for any chair, deputy chair, member, presiding member, or other appointed role on any Crown entity board, committee, authority, tribunal, or other statutory body within their ministerial portfolio, broken down by (a) the name of the entity and the specific role; (b) the fee (annual, daily, or per-meeting rate as applicable) immediately prior to the increase and the date that fee was last set; (c) the new approved fee and the effective date of the increase; (d) the percentage increase; (e) whether the increase was approved by them as the responsible minister or referred to the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee, and if the latter, the date of that approval; (f) whether the increase was made pursuant to the Cabinet Fees Framework changes of July 2025 or on another basis; (g) the primary justification recorded for the increase; (h) whether the proposed increase was approved, declined, or scaled back, and if declined or scaled back, the reasons recorded for that decision; (i) whether any part of the increase was applied backdated and if so to what date; (j) the total annual cost to the Crown of all increases approved within their portfolio; and (k) whether each review was initiated by them as the responsible minister, the entity itself, or the Public Service Commission?*

## ANSWER

**Hon Chris Penk (Minister for Building and Construction) replied:**

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |
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| Entity                                                             | Building Practitioners Board (BPB)                                                                           | Building Practitioners Board (BPB)                                                         |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Chair \$787 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$661 per day<br>Member \$530 per day<br>February 2025                   | Chair \$747 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$628 per day<br>Member \$504 per day<br>July 2019     |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$1,025 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$861 per day<br>Member \$689 per day<br><b>PROPOSED</b> December 2025 | Chair \$787 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$661 per day<br>Member \$530 per day<br>February 2025 |
| Percentage increase                                                | Proposed 30%                                                                                                 | 5%                                                                                         |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Proposed to Minister                                                                                         | Minister                                                                                   |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                       | Cabinet fees framework                                                                     |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                              | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                            |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Agreed in principle, although deferred pending resolving affordability issues                                | Approved                                                                                   |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                                          | N/A                                                                                        |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | N/A                                                                                                          | \$33,421 per annum                                                                         |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                                         | MBIE                                                                                       |

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                  |
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| Entity                                                             | Electrical Workers Registration Board (EWRB)                                                                     | Electrical Workers Registration Board (EWRB)                                                                     |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Presiding Member \$786 per day<br>Deputy Presiding Member \$663 per day<br>Member \$531 per day<br>February 2025 | Presiding Member \$623 per day<br>Deputy Presiding Member \$452 per day<br>Member \$363 per day<br>July 2019     |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$1,025 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$861 per day<br>Member \$689 per day<br><b>PROPOSED</b> December 2025     | Presiding Member \$786 per day<br>Deputy Presiding Member \$663 per day<br>Member \$531 per day<br>February 2025 |
| Percentage increase                                                | 30%                                                                                                              | 26% (Presiding Member)<br>46% (Deputy and Member)                                                                |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Proposed to Minister                                                                                             | Minister in agreement with the Minister for Public Service                                                       |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                           | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                           |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                                  | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                                  |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Agreed in principle, although deferred pending resolving affordability issues                                    | Approved                                                                                                         |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                                              | N/A                                                                                                              |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | N/A                                                                                                              | \$54,578 per annum                                                                                               |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                                             | MBIE                                                                                                             |

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                   |
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| Entity                                                             | New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB)                                                            | New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB)                                                   |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Chair \$30,030 per annum<br>Deputy Chair \$15,158 per annum<br>Member \$12,127<br>1 February 2025          | Chair \$572 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$481 per day<br>Member \$385 per day<br>2019                 |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$54,200 per annum<br>Deputy Chair \$33,875 per annum<br>Member \$27,100 per annum<br>1 January 2026 | Chair \$30,030 per annum<br>Deputy Chair \$15,158 per annum<br>Member \$12,127<br>1 February 2025 |
| Percentage increase                                                | 80% (Chair)<br>23% (Deputy Chair and member)                                                               | 5%                                                                                                |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Minister                                                                                                   | Minister                                                                                          |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                     | Cabinet fees framework                                                                            |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                            | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                   |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Approved                                                                                                   | Approved                                                                                          |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                                        | N/A                                                                                               |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | \$117,752 per annum                                                                                        | \$5,043 per annum                                                                                 |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                                       | MBIE                                                                                              |

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                                            |                                                                                            |
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| Entity                                                             | Chartered Professional Engineers Council (CPEC)                                                            | Chartered Professional Engineers Council (CPEC)                                            |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Chair \$686 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$542 per day<br>Member \$434 per day<br>December 2024                 | Chair \$624 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$493 per day<br>Member \$395 per day<br>2013          |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$792 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$677 per day<br>Member \$542 per day<br><b>PROPOSED</b> December 2025 | Chair \$686 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$542 per day<br>Member \$434 per day<br>February 2025 |
| Percentage increase                                                | Proposed 15%                                                                                               | 10%                                                                                        |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Proposed to Minister                                                                                       | Minister in agreement with the Minister for the Public Service                             |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                     | Cabinet fees framework                                                                     |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                            | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                            |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Agreed in principle, although deferred pending resolving affordability issues                              | Approved                                                                                   |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                                        | N/A                                                                                        |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | N/A                                                                                                        | \$6,120 per annum                                                                          |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                                       | MBIE                                                                                       |

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                            |                                                                                            |
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| Entity                                                             | Engineering Associates Registration Board (EARB)                                           | Engineering Associates Registration Board (EARB)                                           |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Chair \$583 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$424 per day<br>Member \$339 per day<br>February 2025 | Chair \$530 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$386 per day<br>Member \$309 per day<br>2013          |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$718 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$625 per day<br>Member \$583 per day<br>December 2025 | Chair \$583 per day<br>Deputy Chair \$424 per day<br>Member \$339 per day<br>February 2025 |
| Percentage increase                                                | 23% (Chair)<br>47% (Deputy Chair)<br>71% (Members)                                         | 10%                                                                                        |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Minister                                                                                   | Minister in agreement with the Minister for the Public Service                             |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                     | Cabinet fees framework                                                                     |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                            | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                            |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Approved                                                                                   | Approved                                                                                   |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                        | N/A                                                                                        |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | \$43,291 per annum                                                                         | \$8,352 per annum                                                                          |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                       | MBIE                                                                                       |

| Fee increases proposed or approved since 27/11/2023                |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Entity                                                             | Building Advisory Panel (BAP)                                                                                                  | Engineering Associates Investigation Committee (EAIC)                                                                                             |
| Fee immediately prior and date set                                 | Chair \$810 per day<br>Member \$540 per day<br>Annual cap \$24,300 (Chair)<br>Annual cap \$16,200 (Member)<br>2017             | Chair \$285 per day<br>Member \$225 per day<br>2015                                                                                               |
| New proposed or approved fee and effective date                    | Chair \$1,020 per day<br>Member \$720 per day<br>Annual cap \$24,300 (Chair)<br>Annual cap \$16,200 (Member)<br>1 January 2026 | Chair \$446 per day<br>Member \$330 per day<br>10 November 2026                                                                                   |
| Percentage increase                                                | 26% (Chair)<br>33% (Member)<br>No increase in annual cap                                                                       | 55% (Chair)<br>45% (Member)<br>10 November 2026                                                                                                   |
| Approved by (eg APH or Minister)                                   | Minister                                                                                                                       | Minister                                                                                                                                          |
| Fees Framework 2025 or another basis                               | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                                         | Cabinet fees framework                                                                                                                            |
| Primary justification for increase                                 | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                                                | Attraction and retention of suitable candidates                                                                                                   |
| Approved / declined / scaled back; reason for decline / scale back | Approved                                                                                                                       | Approved                                                                                                                                          |
| Backdated to what date                                             | N/A                                                                                                                            | N/A                                                                                                                                               |
| Total cost of all increases per annum (estimated)                  | No increase to the annual cap                                                                                                  | Time commitment is unknown and is determined based on the complexity of the complaints; therefore, estimated increase per annum cannot be advised |
| Initiated by Minister, entity, PSC                                 | MBIE                                                                                                                           | MBIE                                                                                                                                              |