

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

Thursday, 7 July 2016 (released Friday, 19 May 2016)

### Lowest increase to Government fees and charges in 19 years

Government fees and charges have increased by the lowest amount since 1997-98, rising by an average of 1.7 per cent across agencies this financial year.

That is around half the average rate fees and charges have increased in the past decade.

MetroCard fares on public transport will rise 1.7 per cent, while car registration for a six cylinder vehicle will increase just 1.6 per cent.

#### Background

Increases to State Government fees and charges are calculated on the basis of increases in costs associated with providing services. The increase reflects a weighted average of the percentage increase in public sector wages and the Adelaide Consumer Price Index. The fees and charges are then rounded up or down to an administratively convenient amount.

**Table 1: 2016–17 increases in selected agency fees and charges**

	2015–16 \$	2016–17 \$	Increase %
<b>Public transport</b>			
Single trip tickets — all times and zones	5.20	5.30	1.9
MetroCard single fare — all times and zones	3.48	3.54	1.7
Regular 28 Day pass	119.80	121.80	1.7
<b>Motor vehicle charges</b>			
Registration fee — motor vehicles:			
Four cylinders or less	118.00	120.00	1.7
Five or six cylinders	243.00	247.00	1.6
Seven or more cylinders	351.00	357.00	1.7
Registration fee — light commercial vehicles:			
Mass between 1001 kg and 1500 kg	261.00	265.00	1.5
Mass greater than 1500 kg	446.00	454.00	1.8
<b>Drivers' licence renewals</b>			
Five years	205.00	210.00	2.4
Ten years	410.00	420.00	2.4
<b>Speeding fines</b>			
Exceeding the speed limit by:			
Less than 10 km/h	163.00	166.00	1.8
By 10 km/h but less than 20 km/h	357.00	363.00	1.7
By 20 km/h but less than 30 km/h	726.00	738.00	1.7
By 30 km/h but less than 45 km/h	866.00	881.00	1.7
By 45 km/h and above	975.00	992.00	1.7

### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

This is the lowest increase to State Government fees and charges we have seen in South Australia in almost two decades.

That's welcome news to South Australian families balancing their household budgets and managing cost of living pressures.

In the last State Budget we reduced the tax burden for South Australians by cutting \$670 million in taxes over four years.

This was done to reduce cost pressures for businesses and the community in order to generate economic activity and create jobs.

The modest increase to Government fees and charges this financial year – about half the normal rate – will also contribute to achieving those goals.

**Media Contact:** David Russell 0434 307 012

**web:** [www.statebudget.sa.gov.au](http://www.statebudget.sa.gov.au)  
**twitter:** @sa\_press\_sec

