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Modest increase to government fees and charges

Government fees and charges will rise by an average of 2.2 per cent in 2017-18, the second lowest increase in 20 years.

The rate is almost 30 per cent lower than the average increase over the past decade.

A single-trip ticket on public transport will increase by just 1.9 per cent, or 10 cents, while registering a car will cost between \$3 and \$8 extra, depending on its size.

Background

Government fees and charges are adjusted each year to meet the rising cost of providing services.

An indexation rate was introduced in 1998, which is based on rising public sector wages and CPI.

Table 1. 2017–18 increases in selected agency fees and charges

	2016–17 \$	2017–18 \$	Increase %
Public transport			
Single trip tickets — all times and zones	5.30	5.40	1.9
MetroCard single fare — all times and zones	3.54	3.62	2.3
Regular 28 Day pass	121.80	124.50	2.2
Motor vehicle charges			
Registration fee — motor vehicles:			
Four cylinders or less	120.00	123.00	2.5
Five or six cylinders	247.00	252.00	2.0
Seven or more cylinders	357.00	365.00	2.2
Registration fee — light commercial vehicles:			
Mass between 1001 kg and 1500 kg	265.00	271.00	2.3
Mass greater than 1500 kg	454.00	464.00	2.2
Drivers' licence renewals			
Five years	210.00	215.00	2.4
Ten years	420.00	430.00	2.4
Speeding fines			
Exceeding the speed limit by:			
Less than 10 km/h	166.00	170.00	2.4
By 10 km/h but less than 20 km/h	363.00	371.00	2.2
By 20 km/h but less than 30 km/h	738.00	754.00	2.2
By 30 km/h but less than 45 km/h	881.00	900.00	2.2
By 45 km/h and above	992.00	1014.00	2.2

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

The cost of delivering services to the community increases each year.

The State Government meets this challenge by indexing fees and charges on an annual basis, avoiding the need for a much larger increase every few years.

Today's modest rise of 2.2 per cent is the second lowest in 20 years, after last year's 1.7 per cent.

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