

# Emergencies (Fees) Determination 2014

## Disallowable instrument DI2014-122

made under the

*Emergencies Act 2004*, s 201 (Determination of fees)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Minister has power to determine fees for the purposes of this Act.

Fees in the 2014-15 Financial Year were generally increased from fees in the previous Financial Year by an indexation of 3% and rounded to an appropriate value.

Fees items (No. 290-292) have been increased beyond the indexation to align the false alarm billing parameter with other jurisdictions.

This instrument contains amendments to the parameters of an avoidable alarm fee (previously covering only those caused by system or maintenance faults). Under the changes (provided in section 4(ii)), any alarms that in the opinion of the attending ACT Fire & Rescue resource are avoidable, will be liable for this fee. Further amendments to this instrument are the removal of the 24 hour grace period for repeat alarms, and an alteration to the time period in section 4(iii) from the third and subsequent alarm in a 90 day period to the second and subsequent alarm in a 60 day period. These changes are aimed at deterring false alarms in the Territory.

Item numbers, included in the schedule, column 2, enable the comparison of past fees set under the Act with those set by this instrument.

The instrument contains further explanatory notes about the fee for various items in the past Financial Year.