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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs

[Ref: CSD Portfolio – Community Participation – Multicultural Affairs – p 111]

In relation to: Fees to access rooms at the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre

1. What are the current fee arrangements for using rooms and facilities at Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre?
2. Have these charges increased in 2017-18?
3. What discounts are available for community groups?
4. Are there any discounts available for foreign embassies?

Minister Steel: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre has three meeting rooms and one main function room. Access to these spaces is free for tenants at the centre – of which there are 24.

   Fees are charged for all other hirers with rates on a sliding scale ranging upwards from not-for-profit community organisations to businesses to Commonwealth and ACT Government agencies.

   Each session is four hours.

   However, if organisations wish to book facilities for longer than the standard session, additional fees are applied.

   For example, if an organisation requires space for longer than four hours but less than eight hours they are charged at the session two rate.

   If an organisation requires space for longer than eight hours, they are charged at the session three rate.

   The current fee structure for hire of meeting rooms and the function room at Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre is outlined below.

	FUNCTION ROOM	WEST WING MEETING ROOM	HARMONY TRAINING ROOM	DIVERSITY MEETNG ROOM	KITCHEN	GALLERY
Not-for-Profit Community Organisation Rates	$180.00 for session 1 $270.00 for session 2 $405.00 for session 3	$40.00 for session 1 $60.00 for session 2 $90.00 for session 3	$50.00 for session 1 $75.00 for session 2 $100.00 for session 3	$30.00 for session 1 $45.00 for session 2 $70.00 for session 3	$150 per booking	No Charge
Business Rates	$200.00 for session 1 $360.00 for session 2 $540.00 for session 3	$40.00 for session 1 $60.00 for session 2 $90.00 for session 3	$50.00 for session 1 $75.00 for session 2 $100.00 for session 3	$30.00 for session 1 $45.00 for session 2 $70.00 for session 3		
Government Rates	$250 for session 1 $360 for session 2 $540.00 session 3	$40.00 for session 1 $60.00 for session 2 $90.00 for session 3	$50.00 for session 1 $75.00 for session 2 $100.00 for session 3	$30.00 for session 1 $45.00 for session 2 $70.00 for session 3		

2. The charges for general room and function room hire was not changed in the 2017-18 financial year. The only charge increase was for use of the commercial kitchen which increased from $100 to $150 per hire, to assist with covering the cost of professional cleaning.

3. Not-for-profit community organisations are charged a discounted rate for hire of meeting rooms and the function room, at almost 30 per cent less than the highest rate charged to Government. In addition, the ACT Government delegate responsible for management of the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, the Executive Director of the Participation and Inclusion Division of Community Services Directorate, has the authority to waive fees should community organisations be able to demonstrate financial restrictions in writing.

4. Embassies and High Commissions are charged at the business rate for hire of the function room or meeting rooms, which is discounted by 10 per cent of the full Government rate.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature: Date: 27/11/18

By the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Chris Steel