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Morning Amanda

Please see attached correctly submissions, and response to question on notice below:

Cost of issuing a planning certificate:

- Planning certificates range in complexity, for example where development is more recent and certificate attributes current, issuing of planning certificates may be straightforward.
- Issuing of Planning certificates, regardless of complexity, requires involvement of three levels of staff – a planning support officer, planner and senior planner and varies between an average of 15 minutes per officer for basic/straightforward planning certificates and up to 40 minutes per officer for more complex planning certificates.
- Complexity is driven by the constraints on land (bushfire or flood prone or conservation and heritage areas) and the majority of planning certificates issued in the Clarence Valley are more complex – approx. 70%.
- Certificate attribution maintenance is conducted monthly on approximately 200 certificates adding \$9.81 to the cost of each certificate (28hrs x Grade 12 planner).
- The average cost of issuing an Planning Certificate in the Clarence Valley is \$111.88 excluding staff overheads.

	Planning Support (Time x Rates) (Grade 5)	Planner (Grade 12)	Senior Planner (Grade 14)	Certificate attribution maintenance	Total
Basic	15mins = \$12.55	15mins = \$17.52	15mins = \$19.74	\$9.81	\$59.62
Complex	30mins = \$25.10	40mins = \$46.72	40mins = \$52.64	\$9.81	\$124.46
Average (weighted for complexity)	\$21.34	\$37.96	\$42.77	\$9.81	\$111.88

Regards

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