

**Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill -
The Administration's response to comments / questions
raised at the seventh meeting of the Bills Committee
held on 9 January 2003**

Clause 9

At the meeting, members requested us to consider charging a fee for applications for a permit under the Bill and to provide the updated information on the staffing resources required for processing the applications.

2. At the ninth meeting held on 21 January 2003, we agreed that a fee should be imposed on applications for permits under clause 9 of the Bill. We also undertook to propose the fee level once we were in a position to do so.

3. Based on the latest information at 2003-04 prices, we propose to set the permit fee at \$495. The latest staffing resources required for processing an application is as follows -

	<u>Time spent (hour)</u>
Trade Officer	0.05
Assistant Trade Officer I	0.20
Clerical Officer	0.20
Assistant Clerical Officer	0.30

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