

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ACT 1965

DETERMINATION OF FEES UNDER SECTION 64A

NO. 68 OF 1991

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This determination sets fees for purposes of assessment of applicants for intercountry adoptions as determined by the Minister for Housing and Community Services on 27 June 1991 under the Adoption of Children Act 1965. No previous determinations covering intercountry adoption services have been made. The fees are based on full cost recovery and are consistent with NSW.

These services are divided into four items, with the respective fees set out below.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Information Seminar	\$135.00
Application Administration	\$875.00
Assessment	\$700.00
Allocation and Post-Placement Visit	\$450.00

The fees will take effect from 1 July 1991. A brief explanation of each fee follows.

Information Seminar; fee \$135.00. Includes a detailed explanatory booklet and day long seminar for prospective adoptive parents with presentations by a number of experts in the field.

Application Administration; fee \$875.00. Includes administrative processing of an extensive formal application including references, medical reports and a detailed life study autobiography from the prospective adoptive parents. The application is verified and all supporting documents compiled.

Assessment; fee \$700.00. A social worker examines the application and makes appropriate enquiries. The couple is interviewed together, separately and at home to establish their suitability. A detailed report on the prospective adoptive parents is prepared and provided to the host country.

Allocation and Post-Placement Visit; fee \$450.00. Detailed communications take place between Welfare Branch staff and the host country embassy, immigration, foreign affairs and the couple. The child is under the guardianship of the Director of Welfare Branch for 12 months prior to formal adoption. Quarterly reports on the adoption are prepared. Section 19 court reports are prepared and provided to the ACT Supreme Court for the adoption to be formalised.