

Fees

Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000

The Federal Privacy Commissioner has not recommended fees.
National Privacy Principle 6.4 provides

“If an organisation charges for providing access to personal information, those charges:

- a) must not be excessive; and
- b) must not apply to lodging request for access”

In the absence of a schedule of fees, it has been suggested by the Health Services Commission (Victoria) that GPs could adopt the scheduled fees provided -

- Consultation as per the MBS schedule - AND advise patients that there is no MBS number to cover this cost (Medicare do not provide a rebate for this service).
- Charges for administration as per the Freedom of Information (Access Charges) Regulations 1993
 - For search and Retrieval - \$20.00 per hour
 - Inspection of Documents - \$5.00 per 15 minutes or part thereof
 - Photocopying 20 cents per A4 page

These amounts are suggestive only and are in no way recommended.

Source: Freedom of Information (Access Charges) Regulations 1993
Victorian Government Legislation Website: www.dms.dpc.gov.au