

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOBILE PHONE HANDS-FREE DEVICES

434. Hon C L Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West

- (1) I refer to the ban, as of 1 July 2001, on using hand held mobile phones while driving and ask is it proposed to issue all staff who have a Government issued mobile phone and who drive a motor vehicle for work purposes and who currently do not have a hands-free facility, with a combined earpiece - microphone type device?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, what will be the total cost of this initiative?

Mr McGINTY replied:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- (1) Hands-free facility is, as a matter of policy, already installed in Department vehicles.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

- (1) The Office of the DPP will not be installing hands-free telephone devices in all its vehicles; it is only in vehicles where the driver is required to be contactable by telephone that the devices will be installed. Otherwise, drivers are expected not to use mobile telephones whilst driving.
- (2) See (1) above
- (3) Not applicable

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (1) Hands-free devices have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

- (1) Hands-free devices have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil

LEGAL AID

- (1) No.
- (2) Relevant staff have been advised of the requirement and purchases of combined earpiece-microphone devices made where necessary.
- (3) \$68.00 to date.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

- (1) Mobile phones are not issued to staff for use while driving.
- (2) No
- (3) Nil

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES

- (1) Hands-free devices have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil.

PEEL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- (1) Hands-free devices have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil

SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- (1) Hands-free devices have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil