

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, MOBILE PHONE HANDS-FREE DEVICES

420. 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 install cradle hands free devices in Government vehicles?
- (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 cradles are, 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 cradle 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) \$300.00

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

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

LEGAL AID

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

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 cradles have been installed in each Government vehicle.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Nil.

PEEL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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