

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOBILE PHONES, PROVIDERS, COST AND
AUDITS

2375. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

For all Agencies and Departments within the portfolio of the Premier, including the Premier's office -

- (a) who is the mobile telephone service provider;
- (b) for each of the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003, what is the monthly cost of mobile telephone calls; and
- (c) how often are individual mobile telephone accounts audited, to ensure that they are complying with guidelines?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

I am advised that :

Department of the Premier and Cabinet (including the Premier's office and Ministerial offices)

- (a) Telstra
- (b) Average monthly costs:

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| 2000/01 | \$14,594 |
| 2001/02 | \$15,508 |
| 2002/03 | \$16,348 |
- (c) Monthly statements are distributed to managers, for monitoring of compliance with Departmental policy.

Anti-Corruption Commission

The Anti-Corruption Commission has provided the following information:

- (a) Telstra, Optus and Voda Phone
- (b) The average monthly cost of mobile telephone calls is as follows:

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| 2000/2001 | \$2,484 |
| 2001/2002 | \$2,421 |
| 2002/2003 | \$2,483 |
- (c) Reviewed each month upon receipt of invoice.

Governor's Establishment

Not applicable to Governor's Establishment.

Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner

The Commissioner for Public Sector Standards advises as follows:

- (a) Telstra.
- (b) 2000/2001 = Average monthly cost was \$62.87
2001/2002 = Average monthly cost was \$41.25
2002/2003 = Average monthly cost was \$77.49
- (c) All mobile telephone accounts are audited prior to payment to ensure that government guidelines are complied with.