

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, HANDS-FREE MOBILE PHONE DEVICES

864. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Community Development. Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 437, in respect to mobile phones, and the answer to question without notice No. 126 and ask will the Minister provide a detailed response to question on notice No. 437?

Ms McHALE replied:

Yes. The response to 437 is as follows:

Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth:

1. The combined earpiece-microphone device for mobile phones is provided to staff where determined by Office Managers.
2. As above
3. The total cost will depend on the number of staff requiring such a device. This will be an ongoing activity.

Disability Services Commission:

1. Yes, to comply with Disability Services Commission policy which states 'mobile phones are not to be used while driving any motor vehicle unless they can be used safely with a hands free kit or earpiece pursuant to WA legislation'.
2. N/A
3. Pending the completion of the current audit on mobile phones and hands free facilities already supplied, it is estimated that the total cost will not exceed \$2,000.

Department of Culture and the Arts (including ArtsWA)

1. No
2. The Department considers all staff should be aware of the change in the law and have a personal responsibility to apply for a hands free device if they intend using a mobile phone in a vehicle. However, a policy is being developed and will be implemented across all agencies of the Department to ensure officers are aware of the law in relation to the use of mobile phones in vehicles, and to provide them with appropriate options for compliance. The cost of any such option would be met by the relevant agency.
3. A combined earpiece-microphone device can be purchased for approximately \$29

Library and Information Service of Western Australia

1. Yes
2. N/a
3. approximately \$399

State Records Office

1. No
2. The State Records Office does not have a mobile telephone
3. N/a

Western Australian Museum

1. Yes
2. N/a
3. \$550

Art Gallery of Western Australia

1. No
2. No requirement at present

3. N/a

Perth Theatre Trust

1. No

2. The Perth Theatre Trust does not have a mobile telephone

3. N/a

Screen West

1. No

2. The only government vehicle has a fitted hands free device for the use of a mobile telephone

3. N/a