

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, GRANTS TO UNIONS WA OR INDIVIDUAL
UNIONS

1335. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Since the election of the Labor Government in 2001, for each department and agency under the Minister's responsibility -

- (a) how many grants have been made to Unions WA or individual Unions;
- (b) what is the total amount of funds made available to Unions WA or individual Unions;
- (c) what is the purpose of each grant;
- (d) what is the amount of each grant;
- (e) how does the Government monitor the performance of each grant;
- (f) for each grant, what measures has the Government put in place to ensure that the conditions of each grant are complied with;
- (g) on what date did the task/s required under each grant commence;
- (h) on what date was the first payment made and what percentage of the grant did this payment make;
- (i) on what date did the task required under each grant terminate;
- (j) on what date was the required task due to finish;
- (k) on what date was the final payment of the grant made;
- (l) were any people employed or contracted by Unions WA or individual Unions to perform tasks funded by any of these grants;
- (m) which grants were these people employed by;
- (n) what were their duties;
- (o) to whom did these people report;
- (p) how was their performance assessed;
- (q) what is the name of each person and the duty they performed, the payment received for each performance and the total payment from each grant;
- (r) where can the results of these taxpayer-funded programs be obtained;
- (s) will the Minister table the results; and
- (t) if not, why not?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

As far as the Department for Planning and Infrastructure is concerned:

- (a) The Taxi Council of Western Australia has received 2 grants since the election of the Gallop Government. In addition, a grant was provided by the former Court Government to the Taxi Council.
- (b) The Taxi Council of Western Australia has received \$37,500 in grants from the Gallop Government and received \$150,000 from the Court Government.
- (c) To assist with the establishment and running of the Taxi Council.
- (d) 2002 - \$12,500
2001 - \$25,000
2000 - \$150,000
- (e)-(g) The grants were made consistent with a budget provided by the Taxi Council in relation to its operating costs.
- (h) The previous Government provided a grant of \$150,000 in August 2000. The payment of \$25,000 was made in December 2001 and the payment of \$12,500 was made in October 2002.
- (i)-(j) The grants were made consistent with a budget provided by the Taxi Council in relation to its operating costs.

- (k) The grants were paid in full at the times specified in (h).
- (l) The Taxi Council employs one full-time and one part-time staff member.
- (m) All three of the grants contributed to these costs.
- (n) An executive officer (full-time) and a secretary/receptionist (part-time).
- (o)-(p) The employees report to the Executive Committee of the Taxi Council of Western Australia.
- (q) All three of the grants contributed to the operating costs of the Taxi Council of Western Australia.
- (r)-(t) N/A

As far as Main Roads WA is concerned:

- (a)-(t) Insofar as Main Roads is concerned a one off payment of \$21 860 was made to the Transport Workers Union in September 2001 as a contribution towards the development of the Transport Industry General indication safety awareness training. This is a safety initiative to improve safety awareness in the work place.