

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

2383. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

For all Agencies and Departments within the portfolio of the Minister, including the Minister'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?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Please refer to the response provided by the Premier for question on notice 2375 of 16th December 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (a) Telstra  
Optus  
Vodafone

(b) Month	Education 2000/2001 2002/2003	2001/2002	2002/2003	Training 2000/2001	2001/2002
July	28,812.72 11,738.03	14,827.18	35,392.64	6,101.53	8,734.27
August	23,007.71 10,443.24	29,468.98	22,292.89	3,903.96	8,005.73
September	29,030.41 11,555.62	25,735.50	35,674.02	1,502.88	8,375.29
October	24,709.23 9,105.56	27,543.22	33,795.75	3,173.49	9,125.15
November	25,188.90 12,474.01	31,430.00	28,000.00	3,218.67	11,445.74
December	16,464.94 13,343.77	17,187.29	24,581.64	3,667.32	11,732.97
January	25,371.01 9,133.40	34,931.68	30,368.12	2,953.65	8,439.05
February	21,163.29 13,113.95	16,959.63	21,512.69	5,441.33	9,289.11
March	25,242.75 13,009.29	23,409.81	31,215.80	4,734.90	11,149.96
April	18,149.22 12,356.86	26,561.37	20,421.00	6,319.25	10,101.23
May	39,446.52 18,285.32	40,789.33	38,393.28	3,517.85	11,708.68
June	41,665.06 12,452.17	18,620.06	55,659.36	9,423.13	12,100.43

- (c) Internal Audit undertakes half yearly reviews with further enquiry initiated where expenditures appear unusually high.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRAINING FUND

- (a) Telstra

- (b) Average cost per month is as follows:  
 2000/01 \$164.89  
 2001/02 \$117.97  
 2002/03 \$33.04

- (c) Individual accounts are reviewed prior to payment by the Executive Director and incurring officer.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SERVICES

- (a) Telstra
- (b) 2000/2001 - \$5,066.61; 2001/2002 - \$2,324.83; and 2002/2003 - \$2,597.70
- (c) Audited annually by internal auditor.

CURRICULUM COUNCIL

- (a) Telstra
- (b) 2000/2001 – 3978.26; 2001/2002 – 4178.09; and 2002/2003 – 3423.79
- (c) The monthly accounts are perused for unknown phones billed to the Curriculum Council account and excessive call charges.