

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOBILE TELEPHONE CHARGES

2701. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 2390, asked on 16 December 2003, and ask -

- (a) for Gold Corporation, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (b) for the Insurance Commission, what are the actual monthly telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date and how were the indicative figures for the mobile telephone charges arrived at;
- (c) for Lotterywest, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (d) for the Department of Racing and Gaming, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (e) for the Burswood Park Board, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (f) for the Totalisator Agency Board, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date; and
- (g) for the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

(a) GOLD CORPORATION

Refer Parliamentary Question 2390. Gold Corporation's mobile telephone charges were actual total annual costs for each of the financial years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03, from which monthly averages were derived.

Total actual charges for current financial year to February 2004 are \$17,721, for monthly average of \$2,215.

(b) INSURANCE COMMISSION OF WA

The Insurance Commission of Western Australia accumulates all communication expenses in one account. Communication expenses include all voice and data communications, which covers fixed line telephone charges, mobile telephone charges, data links and telephone maintenance charges. Data links include all Internet connections, computer links to other government agencies, and a link to the Insurance Commission's Disaster Recovery Site. The Insurance Commission's expenditure on voice and data communications for the periods covered by the question were:-

2003/2004 to 29/2/2004	\$160,952.22
2002/2003	\$264,662.55
2001/2002	\$246,219.43
2000/2001	\$218,305.00

The Insurance Commission does not analyse these actual costs by type of service within its accounting systems. As a guide, using the budget assumptions for telecommunications costs, the telephone charges would be made up approximately as follows:-

	Fixed Line Calls	Mobile Calls
2003/2004 YTD	\$110,330	\$19,470
2002/2003	\$181,421	\$32,015
2001/2002	\$168,779	\$29,784
2000/2001	\$149,644	\$26,407

It should be noted that these charges do not include the data links and maintenance component of the Insurance Commission's communications expenses account.

The indicative figures provided in answer to the question No. 2390 of 16 December 2003 were produced by recalling file copies of several paid monthly accounts for each of the years in question and

striking a monthly average of those accounts. As there is generally a fairly high level of consistency in call usage patterns from month to month at the Insurance Commission, this procedure is considered to provide a useful estimate of monthly call costs.

(c) LOTTERY COMMISSION

Lotterywest Mobile Phone Expenditure

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
July	0	675	2,775	2,853
August	2,790	3,218	3,324	2,523
September	3,451	2,911	2,588	3,398
October	2,600	3,582	2,835	3,051
November	2,758	4,345	2,618	3,469
December	3,247	2,887	2,680	3,010
January	2,810	3,100	2,421	5,758
February	2,694	2,890	4,633	5,183
March	5,721	2,789	3,298	3,771
April	1,519	3,032	2,688	
May	3,610	2,037	3,541	
June	6,658	2,782	2,879	
Total	37,858	34,248	36,280	33,016

(d) DEPARTMENT OF RACING, GAMING AND LIQUOR

(d)-(f) are GST exempt

MONTH	2000/2001 \$	2001/2002 \$	2002/2003 \$	2003/2004 to date \$
JULY	390.65	589.00	957.11	483.91
AUGUST	361.40	461.27	514.85	1118.41
SEPTEMBER	376.95	494.68	513.55	498.05
OCTOBER	359.15	432.36	562.55	444.64
NOVEMBER	437.05	540.18	589.28	1291.00
DECEMBER	423.18	512.00	538.77	443.58
JANUARY	367.26	500.00	701.91	348.99
FEBRUARY	450.95	826.91	528.73	328.40
MARCH	338.82	534.77	535.14	466.04
APRIL	417.91	708.82	556.05	
MAY	422.64	738.05	505.73	
JUNE	893.09	525.27	338.77	

(e) BURSWOOD PARK BOARD

MONTH	2000/2001 \$	2001/2002 \$	2002/2003 \$	2003/2004 to date \$
JULY	255.50	164.92	237.42	145.75
AUGUST	229.65	165.28	217.65	181.30
SEPTEMBER	242.81	142.20	285.05	208.52
OCTOBER	300.47	184.23	285.82	271.89
NOVEMBER	272.76	155.05	274.05	227.39
DECEMBER	265.15	195.65	327.78	300.70
JANUARY	273.41	226.10	267.86	248.93
FEBRUARY	258.68	188.60	209.86	297.50
MARCH	242.59	175.51	238.33	
APRIL	240.60	171.65	235.64	
MAY	218.55	232.09	236.36	
JUNE	189.14	787.50	171.12	

(f) RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA (including Totalisator Agency Board)

MONTH	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004 to date
JULY	1,196.53	1,439.74	1,250.31	1,160.76
AUGUST	1,200.22	1245.81	1,240.84	1,192.34

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SEPTEMBER	1,267.40	1366.34	1,307.17	1,192.84
OCTOBER	1,482.90	1215.20	1,542.44	1,554.20
NOVEMBER	1,657.43	1377.98	1,667.99	1,406.24
DECEMBER	1,380.08	1372.32	1,543.51	2,425.88
JANUARY	1,835.05	1219.97	1,148.92	1,761.80
FEBRUARY	1,356.33	1413.39	1,309.49	1,432.51
MARCH	1,567.32	1173.17	914.17	2,392.72
APRIL	1,270.75	1548.99	1,642.54	
MAY	1,363.28	1325.92	1,171.68	
JUNE	1,531.95	1397.13	1,139.95	

(g) WESTERN AUSTRALIA GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

MONTH	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004 TO DATE
AUGUST	1847	2037	1793	2728
SEPTEMBER	2120	2491	1916	2875
OCTOBER	2649	1570	1845	3167
NOVEMBER	2276	2131	1758	2542
DECEMBER	2519	2006	1863	3010
JANUARY	2363	2059	1763	2978
FEBRUARY	2164	2098	1775	2787
MARCH	2137	1998	1815	
APRIL	2093	2119	2073	
MAY	1758	1881	1775	
JUNE	2104	1918	1965	
JULY	2366	1846	1391	