

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, BAD DEBTS**

2019. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What was the amount of bad debts written off for each department and agency within the Minister's portfolio since 19 February 2001?
- (2) Were any of these debts above \$10,000 and if so, what is the name of the person or company who owed the debt?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Department of Transport

- (1) 19 February 2001 to 30 June 2001 - \$38,014.87  
Year ended 30 June 2002 - \$130,124.37  
The Department of Transport was abolished on 30 June 2002.

- (2) No

Department for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) The Department for Planning and Infrastructure was established on 1 July 2001.  
Year ended 30 June 2002 - \$9,418.18  
Year ended 30 June 2003 - \$72,191.75

- (2) No

Ministry for Planning

- (1) 19 February 2001 to 30 June 2001 – NIL.  
1 July 2001 to 3 September 2001 - \$3,247.63  
The Ministry for Planning was abolished on 3 September 2001

- (2) No

Western Australian Planning Commission

- (1) Year ended 30 June 2001 - \$510.00  
Year ended 30 June 2002 – NIL  
Year ended 30 June 2003 – NIL  
July 2003 - \$198,903.00

- (2) Yes, A. Ingrilli

LandCorp

- 1) Nil
- 2) N/A

Main Roads Western Australia

- 1) The amount of bad debts written off since 19 February 2001 is \$176,801.82
- 2) There are three debts above \$10,000, the details for which are below:
  - Mitchell Logistics - \$11,540.71
  - Monteath Properties \$64,235.00
  - Eastern Properties Investments Pty Ltd \$40,000.00

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	Mitchell Logistics	Monteath Properties Pty Ltd	Eastern Property Investments Pty Ltd
Amount of Debt Written-Off	\$11,540.71	\$64,235.00	\$40,000.00
Details of Debtor	Transport haulage company	Property developer	Proprietor of Heart of the Park Shopping Centre, Victoria Park
Nature of Debt	Main Roads 15% administration surcharge for the recovery of costs for diesel spill at Great Eastern Highway Sawyers Valley Date of Work: August 2000	Signing and road marking and removal of two signal poles at Queen Victoria St/Tydeman Road. Signal modification at Stirling Hwy/Tydeman Road. Date of work: 1996	Repair to granite retaining wall at Heart of the Park Shopping Centre, Shepparton Road, Victoria Park, to ensure that the road was trafficable. Date of work: February 2000

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 Mrs Cheryl Edwardes; Ms Alannah MacTiernan

Reason for Write-Off	<p>Mitchell Logistics created a diesel spill on Great Eastern Highway, Sawyers Valley. The cost of the clean up was \$88,478.83 which included a 15% administration surcharge levied by Main Roads.</p> <p>The debtor paid \$76,938.12 but the debtor and its insurance company disputed this 15% surcharge. The matter was referred to the Crown Solicitors Office for advice, and the debt was listed for write off after receiving legal advice</p>	<p>Payment of \$19,722.00 was received from the debtor prior to commencement of the work.</p> <p>The debtor disputed the balance of \$64,235.00 which related to signal modifications at Stirling Highway / Tydeman Road North Fremantle/ Monteath Properties Pty Ltd subsequently went into liquidation. A claim with the liquidator for this debt was lodged.</p> <p>As this debt was over \$50,000, the Minister's approval to write it off was obtained.</p>	<p>A section of the retaining wall collapsed when the developer was working on the car park at the Heart of the Park Shopping Centre.</p> <p>Main Roads was informed that the wall was in fact on the road reserve and we accordingly repaired the wall for safety reasons.</p> <p>However Main Roads is of the opinion that the collapse of the wall was caused by the developer.</p> <p>The developer disputed this claim. Comments were sought from Halpern Glick Maunsel, civil engineers regarding the cause of the collapse. Main Roads was advised that it is not possible to determine with any certainty whether the wall would have collapsed as a result of the developer actions.</p> <p>Advice was obtained from Crown Solicitors Office and it was determined that the cost of recovery would outweigh any proceeds. The debt was therefore listed for write-off</p>
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Public Transport Authority

- 1) Up to 30 June 2003
  - WAGRC (Up to 30 June 2003) \$39,334.00.
  - PTA (1 July 2003 – 16 Sept 03) \$3,134.00
- 2) No.

Armadale Redevelopment Authority

- 1) Nil
- 2) N/a

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Not Applicable

EPRA – None

SRA – None

Midland Redevelopment Authority

- 1) Nil
- 2) N/A

Albany Port Authority

- 1) \$8,638.08
- 2) N/A

Broome Port Authority

- (1) \$260.10 Written Off – debt owed by Deep Tempest Fishing
- (2) N/A

Bunbury Port Authority

- 1) \$9,471.26
- 2) N/A

Dampier Port Authority

- 1) \$17,000
- 2) December 2001 Toll Energy \$15,000.00  
 (agreement reached via arbitration)

**\*\*Toll Energy Logistics** were invoiced \$30,000.00 by the DPA for a crossover on their King Bay Estate Lease. Toll Energy disputed the amount, and the matter went to arbitration where it was agreed that Toll would only pay 50% of the invoiced amount.

The remaining \$15,000.00 was then written off by the DPA.

Esperance Port Authority

- 1) Nil
- 2) N/A

Fremantle Port Authority

- 1) \$13, 002
- 2) N/A

Geraldton Port Authority

- 1) 19 Feb 2001-30 June 2001 \$0.00  
1 July 2001-30 June 2002 \$7,160.70  
1 July 2002-30 June 2003-11-04 \$60.50
- 2) N/A

Port Hedland Port Authority

- 1) Nil
- 2) N/A