

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

2386. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

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 F.M. LOGAN replied:

Ministerial Office

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

Department of Agriculture

- a) Vodaphone and Telstra
- b)

2000/2001	20,285
2001/2002	18,514
2002/2003	19,285
- c) Individual phone accounts are checked by administrative staff prior to processing for payment.

Department of Fisheries

- a) Telstra
- b)

2000/01	9,676
2002/03	9,739
2002/03	11,609
- c) Monthly accounts for each mobile service, together with a History Report on the respective services are distributed to Divisions and Regional offices within the Department for checking and review prior to payment being approved/processed.

Forest Products Commission

- a) Mobile telephone providers are Telstra, Vodaphone and Optus for satellite phones.
- b)

2000/2001	\$6899.10
2001/2002	\$8641.84
2002/2003	\$10476.80
- c) Mobile phone accounts are generally audited on a monthly basis to ensure that they are complying with guidelines.

Mid West Development Commission

- a) Telstra
- b)

2000/01	\$269.44
2001/02	\$340.61
2002/03	\$325.89
- c) Accounts are checked monthly prior to payment, to ensure compliance with mobile telephone guidelines.

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- a) Telstra
- b)

2000/01	\$376.74
2001/02	\$291.42
2002/03	\$284.77

- c) To ensure compliance with mobile telephone guidelines, accounts are checked monthly when they are prepared for payment.

Great Southern Development Commission

- a) Telstra
- b) 2000/01 \$243.00
 2001/02 \$572.00
 2002/03 \$351.00
- c) Mobile phone accounts are audited each month to ensure that agency guidelines are being followed.