

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

2377. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

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 J.A. McGINTY replied:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- (a) Telstra, Hutchison, Optus and Vodafone

| (b) | 2000/01 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| July | 50 256.19 | 45 791.02 | 51 598.35 |
| August | 45 956.47 | 48 221.26 | 40 583.53 |
| September | 50 776.13 | 47 907.56 | 46 624.79 |
| October | 59 924.46 | 50 155.36 | 50 557.66 |
| November | 47 408.97 | 44 247.68 | 47 307.78 |
| December | 42 008.27 | 39 153.12 | 50 370.89 |
| January | 58 325.26 | 37 506.77 | 54 108.51 |
| February | 43 338.40 | 33 080.15 | 44 360.54 |
| March | 55 388.62 | 37 597.90 | 52 423.75 |
| April | 48 785.54 | 46 532.59 | 49 759.75 |
| May | 52 299.00 | 45 444.38 | 53 054.65 |
| June | 53 378.39 | 48 933.74 | 57 401.77 |

- (c) Accounts are verified monthly by the telephone holder, then checked by their immediate supervisor before being paid in accordance with policy guidelines which require telephone holders to pay for any non-business related calls. Internal Audit conduct random audits of mobile telephone accounts.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

- (a) Telstra and Vodafone.

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| (b) | 2000/01 | \$156 |
| | 2001/02 | \$159 |
| | 2002/03 | \$168. |

- (c) Monthly.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

- a) The Commissioner's current mobile service provider is Telstra.

- b) The mobile call costs for the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity is as follows;

| Month | 2000/2001 | 2001/2002 | 2002/2003 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| July | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$35.94 |
| August | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$30.74 |
| September | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$27.89 |
| October | \$30.00 | \$30.11 | \$34.59 |
| November | \$30.00 | \$112.56 | \$252.52 |
| December | \$30.00 | \$64.28 | \$107.90 |
| January | \$30.00 | \$50.85 | \$0.00 |
| February | \$30.00 | \$50.32 | \$17.96 |
| March | \$30.00 | \$49.62 | \$21.30 |
| April | \$30.00 | \$60.00 | \$20.06 |
| May | \$30.00 | \$105.27 | \$47.26 |
| June | \$30.00 | \$198.69 | \$5.94 |

- c) Mobile telephone accounts are reviewed monthly to ensure that they comply with relevant guidelines.

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- (a) Telstra.
- (b) Average per month:
2000/2001 \$214.49
2001/2002 \$227.82
2002/2003 \$314.44
- (c) Individual mobile phone accounts are checked for compliance with guidelines as part of the payments process on a monthly basis. They are also subject to checking as part of internal audit program.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

- (a) Optus.
- (b) Jul 00 - \$0; Aug 00 - \$10.80; Sept 00 - \$0; Oct 00 - \$5.41; Nov 00 - \$2.43; Dec 00 - \$1.70; Jan 01 - \$7.33; Feb 01 - \$6.35; Mar 01 - \$1.45; Apr 01 - \$8.47; May 01 - \$7.46; Jun 01 - \$4.28.
Jul 01 - \$12.05; Aug 01 - \$3.13; Sept 01 - \$4.43; Oct 01 - \$10.12; Nov 01 - \$2.40; Dec 01 - \$5.60; Jan 02 - \$2.45; Feb 02 - \$3.96; Mar 02 - \$3.73; Apr 02 - \$3.70; May 02 - \$8.40; Jun 02 - \$0.
Jul 02 - \$7.96; Aug 02 - \$6.24; Sept 02 - \$5.78; Oct 02 - \$5.45; Nov 02 - \$4.15; Dec 02 - \$6.43; Jan 03 - \$4.50; Feb 03 - \$5.70; Mar 03 - \$2.75; Apr 03 - \$1.60; May 03 - \$2.25; Jun 03 - \$3.20.
- (c) Monthly.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (a) Telstra and Vodafone.
- (b) Mobile Phone Charges
- | 2000-01 | Total | 2001-02 | Total | 2002-03 | Total |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| July | \$89.80 | July | \$816.33 | July | \$414.38 |
| August | \$138.56 | August | \$296.02 | August | \$112.00 |
| September | \$155.18 | September | \$529.78 | September | \$218.63 |
| October | \$260.67 | October | \$530.52 | October | \$491.87 |
| November | \$198.17 | November | \$313.95 | November | \$277.82 |
| December | \$175.53 | December | \$477.58 | December | \$435.25 |
| January | \$236.24 | January | \$190.89 | January | \$295.29 |
| February | \$2,682.45 | February | \$222.99 | February | \$2,656.43 |
| March | \$4,453.24 | March | \$240.52 | March | \$2,425.83 |
| April | \$1,130.59 | April | \$155.59 | April | \$319.64 |
| May | \$2,076.75 | May | \$384.84 | May | \$857.29 |
| June | \$923.53 | June | \$240.72 | June | \$243.82 |
| | \$12,520.71 | | \$4,399.73 | | \$8,748.25 |

- (c) Each monthly account is reviewed by the Manager Business Services.

MINISTERIAL OFFICE

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