

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

2387. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; Goldfields-Esperance

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.C. KOBELKE replied:

Department of Local Government and Regional Development

- (a) Telstra
- (b) Average per month:

2000/2001	Department of Local Government
2001/2002	976.57
2002/2003	1782.88

As a result of the merger in mid 2001 of the previous Department of Local Government and the Regional Development Division of the Department of Commerce and Trade, as well as the transfer of Westlink from the former Department of Contract and Management Services, the number of FTEs increased from 50 to 100 within the newly formed Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

A greater emphasis is now being directed toward providing information and assistance to regional Western Australian towns and communities to ensure that they are fully aware of the various assistance packages that are available within the Department and across Government. This has resulted in an increase in all forms of communication and associated costs.

- (c) In accordance with the Department's mobile phone policy, each officer's mobile phone statement is reviewed on a monthly basis.

Kimberley Development Commission

- (a) Telstra
- (b) Average per month:

2000/2001	\$ 51
2001/2002	\$583
2002/2003	\$276
- (c) Accounts are audited by Office of Auditor General annually.

Pilbara Development Commission

- (a) Telstra
- (b) Average per month:

2000/01	\$191
2001/02	\$327
2002/03	\$326
- (c) Monthly

Gascoyne Development Commission

- (a) Telstra
- (b) Average per month:

2000/2001	\$350
2001/2002	\$400
2002/2003	\$420
- (c) Monthly

Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission

- (a) Telstra/Vodafone
- (b) Average per month:

2000/2001	\$435
2001/2002	\$236
2002/2003	\$259
- (c) Monthly

Ministerial Office

- (a)-(c) Please refer to response provided by the Premier for Question on Notice 2375 of 16 December 2003.