

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EXPENDITURE ON POSTAGE, AUDITING

2572. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice; Community Safety

For each Department and agency under the control of the Minister, including the Ministerial office -

- (a) what was the monthly expenditure on postage for each of the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and for each month, to date, of the current financial year;
- (b) what was the value of stamps purchased;
- (c) what was the value of 'franked' items posted; and
- (d) when was the last time that postage expenditure was audited?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

MINISTERIAL OFFICE

Please refer to the Premier's response to Assembly question 2567.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE SERVICE

- (a) The Western Australia Police Service (WAPS) advise:

Year	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Month			(to date)
July	\$61 545.05	\$4 353.95	\$58 110.74
August	\$31 650.56	\$102 656.81	\$59 243.08
September	\$107 848.38	\$47 459.73	\$51 188.42
October	\$64 244.02	\$78 269.50	\$56 925.02
November	\$54 942.96	\$72 415.95	\$66 901.38
December	\$73 836.87	\$46 993.58	\$46 599.92
January	\$73 825.42	\$48 873.69	\$48 923.79
February	\$67 998.69	\$59 530.00	\$55 720.02
March	\$66 434.07	\$47 732.91	
April	\$54 232.49	\$33 704.44	
May	\$63 881.56	\$80 771.22	
June	\$67 048.69	\$60 133.53	

- (b) WAPS advise the value of actual stamps purchased is negligible as all areas use accounts with Australia Post.
- (c) Nil
- (d) WAPS advise there has not been any audit of postage expenditure.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

- (a) The Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) advise:

Year	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Month			(to date)
July	\$4 114	\$8 526	\$8 312
August	\$18 583	\$10 856	\$12 971
September	\$14 499	\$6 420	\$7 255
October	\$7 987	\$11 614	\$11 082
November	\$11 334	\$15 214	\$8 183
December	\$7 850	\$11 739	\$5 299
January	\$9 002	\$19 209	\$8 311
February	\$7 147	\$10 200	\$17 124
March	\$13 990	\$9 121	
April	\$5 178	\$6 165	
May	\$7 432	\$12 737	
June	\$7 110	\$14 752	

- (b) FESA advise the value of stamps purchased was as follows. Note that these amount include costs for some registered mail and envelopes.
2001/02 \$1 992

2002/03	\$986
2003/04	\$1 269

(c) Nil

(d) FESA advise the last audit of postage expenditure was carried out on 30 June 2003.

OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY

Please refer to the Premier's response to Assembly question 2567.

OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION

Please refer to the Premier's response to Assembly question 2567.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(a) The Department of Justice (DOJ) advise:

Year Month	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04 (to date)
July	\$72 246.20	\$46 242.81	\$117 732.60
August	\$83 036.24	\$86 147.05	\$106 963.95
September	\$87 730.61	\$57 485.42	\$113 543.72
October	\$55 446.81	\$47 173.73	\$93 585.27
November	\$99 533.16	\$56 234.51	\$111 586.20
December	\$54 917.36	\$146 180.71	\$76 860.18
January	\$73 281.81	\$48 142.96	\$84 401.02
February	\$52 785.30	\$49 156.31	\$124 057.11
March	\$104 077.35	\$183 167.75	
April	\$69 389.39	\$56 268.67	
May	\$94 133.25	\$56 113.87	
June	\$281 143.29	\$287 575.53	

(b) DOJ advise as follows:

2001/02	\$23 704.95
2002/03	\$24 141.00
2003/04	\$18 491.50

(c) DOJ advise as follows:

2001/02	\$300 244.83
2002/03	\$283 921.46
2003/04	\$199 278.49

(d) DOJ advise that postage expenditure has not been audited in the last 6 financial years.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES

The Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services advise:

(a) The Office's mail is sent out via the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, which invoices the Office on a quarterly basis.

(b) Not known

(c) Nil

(d) The overall expenditure, including postage, of the Office on all budgeted items, is annually audited by the Office of the Auditor General and is also subjected to internal audit by independent auditors.