

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOBILE TELEPHONE CHARGES

2711. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

I refer the Deputy Premier to the answer to question on notice No. 2376, asked on 16 December 2003, and ask -

- (a) for the Office of Native Title, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (b) for the Office of the Auditor General, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (c) for the Office of Energy, what are the actual monthly mobile telephone charges for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the current financial year to date;
- (d) why is it that, when all other departments and agencies are able to supply information on mobile telephone charges the Department of Treasury and Finance have been unable to supply the information requested in question on notice No. 2376;
- (e) will the Deputy Premier investigate this apparent lack of accountability within the department and direct the department to supply the information as requested in question on notice No. 2376; and
- (f) if not, why not?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Office of Native Title

- (1) 2000/2001 - Due to the restructuring of the Office of Native Title from the previous Native Title Unit and Native Title and Strategic Issues Unit detailed records are not available for this financial year. The average monthly expenditure on mobile telephones was \$39.50,
- (2) 2001/2002:

July 2001	\$181.00,
August 2001	\$306.00,
September 2001	\$272.00,
October 2001	\$649.00,
November 2001	\$76.00,
December 2001	\$413.00,
January 2002	\$190.00,
February 2002	\$112.00,
March 2002	\$219.00,
April 2002	\$182.00,
May 2002	\$282.00, and
June 2002	\$76.00.
- (3) 2002/2003:

July 2002	\$192.00,
August 2002	\$384.00,
September 2002	\$108.00,
October 2002	\$171.00,
November 2002	\$76.00,
December 2002	\$682.00,
January 2003	\$88.00,
February 2003	\$143.00,
March 2003	\$458.00,
April 2003	\$32.00,
May 2003	\$106.00, and
June 2003	\$740.00.
- (4) 2003/2004:

July 2003	\$9.00,
August 2003	\$425.00,
September 2003	\$117.00,
October 2003	\$94.00,
November 2003	\$331.00,
December 2003	\$440.00,
January 2004	\$1,043.00,

February 2004    \$338.00, and  
March 2004       \$558.00,

Office of the Auditor General

With respect to the Office of the Auditor General the response to Part (b) of Parliamentary Question 2711 is as follows.

The question has been interpreted as being the actual monthly service charges on the mobile phones.

	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001
July	125	145	150	85
August	125	130	150	80
September	145	175	185	80
October	216	160	175	81
November	191	160	138	115
December	134	160	165	115
January	239	160	223	130
February	159	160	190	125
March	135	143	190	140
April	145	106	190	166
May		125	108	150
June		125	150	150

Please note that our response to PQ2376 for Part B should have had the words 'average per month' against each of the financial years.

Office of Energy

(a)-(b) Not applicable.

(c) Payments were made in each month for mobile telephone charges as follows:

2000/2001	\$
Jul-00	0.00
Aug-00	0.00
Sep-00	519.00
Oct-00	288.00
Nov-00	151.00
Dec-00	707.00
Jan-01	328.00
Feb-01	315.00
Mar-01	514.00
Apr-01	127.00
May-01	519.00
Jun-01	627.00
2001/2002	
Jul-01	247.00
Aug-01	268.00
Sep-01	485.00
Oct-01	381.00
Nov-01	441.00
Dec-01	449.00
Jan-02	285.00
Feb-02	283.00
Mar-02	289.00
Apr-02	195.00
May-02	431.00
Jun-02	523.00
2002/2003	
Jul-02	449.00
Aug-02	282.00
Sep-02	609.00
Oct-02	333.00

Nov-02	814.00
Dec-02	335.00
Jan-03	586.00
Feb-03	338.00
Mar-03	449.00
Apr-03	322.00
May-03	380.00
Jun-03	345.00
2003/2004	
Jul-03	568.53
Aug-03	646.13
Sep-03	513.75
Oct-03	663.53
Nov-03	659.37
Dec-03	985.58
Jan-04	796.30
Feb-04	424.39
Mar-04	551.57

(d)-(f) Not applicable.

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (a)-(f) There is no lack of accountability within Department of Treasury and Finance. The Department has been involved in two mergers in the years referred to and the information sought is now not centrally located, being held by several agencies. As it would take considerable time and resources searching the various agencies' databases to provide the information requested, I am not prepared to devote valuable resources to that task at this time.