

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING, COST

3012. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 2607 and ask, given that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Minister for Housing and Works and the Minister for Racing and Gaming were able to answer the question in detail, does this infer that -

- (a) the Minister does not know the amount of taxpayer funds being spent on advertising;
 - (b) the Departments and Agencies, under the Minister's portfolio, do not know the amount of taxpayer funds being spent on advertising;
 - (c) the Minister does not want the amount of taxpayer funds spent on advertising to become public; and
 - (d) the internal accounting and audit systems within the Departments and Agencies, under the Minister's portfolio, are unable to provide accurate and up-to-date information on expenditure?
- (2) Will the Minister now direct that question No. 2607 be answered?
- (3) If not, why not?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

Please refer to the response provided by the Premier for question on notice 3007 of 29th June 2004.