

SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MOBILE TELEPHONE
AND GOVERNMENT VEHICLE

1897. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Peel and the South West

I refer the Attorney General to the answer to question on notice No. 786 of 25 February 2003 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for the CEO of the South West Development Commission having a Government supplied mobile telephone and vehicle;
- (b) under what rules and conditions were the mobile telephone and vehicle issued;
- (c) are logbooks kept of the vehicle's movements;
- (d) if not, how is the use of taxpayer funded vehicles justified;
- (e) when was the last time the vehicle's use was audited to ensure compliance with the guidelines; and
- (f) when was the last time the credit card was audited to ensure compliance with the rules and conditions of use?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a)
 - (i) The Chief Executive Officer is an employee of the South West Development Commission and a member of the Senior Executive Service and as such is provided with a vehicle for Government and private use in accordance with relevant Government policy.
 - (ii) The mobile telephone is supplied for efficient and effective communication when absent from the office.
 - (b)
 - (i) The vehicle is issued under the policy and guidelines of the Executive Vehicle Scheme.
 - (ii) The mobile phone is issued In accordance with Commission policy.
 - (c) No.
 - (d) A logbook has been maintained to establish FBT, but is not used to record ongoing travel.
 - (e) The vehicle is not individually audited on a routine basis. The vehicle fleet is subject to an internal audit process as required under the auspices of the Commission's Internal Audit Committee.
 - (f) No credit card has been issued.
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