

HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES, BAN

**126. Mrs EDWARDES to the Premier:**

I refer the Premier to the ban on using hand-held mobile phones while driving as of 1 July 2001, and his duty of care as an employer to staff who drive a motor vehicle for work purposes during work hours.

- (1) Have instructions been issued to staff about the new regulations?
- (2) If so, could he please table a copy?
- (3) If not, when does he propose doing so?
- (4) Does he propose issuing all staff who have a government-issued mobile phone and may drive a motor vehicle for work purposes and who currently do not have a hands-free facility, with a combined earpiece-microphone-type device, or will he approve of the installation in all government vehicles of a cradle hands-free device?
- (5) How many will need to be issued/installed, and what will be the estimated cost?

**Dr GALLOP replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Although it was a little late, I have managed to get the answer.

- (1) The Department of Transport has written to government agencies advising of the change in legislation. Chief executive officers will be responsible for ensuring that staff is made aware of the change.
- (2) A copy of the correspondence issued by the Department of Transport is tabled.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4)-(5) Chief executive officers will be responsible for determining the requirements for their agencies.

[See paper No 318.]