

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, HANDS-FREE MOBILE PHONE DEVICES

859. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for State Development; Tourism; Small Business

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 430, in respect to mobile phones, and the answer to question without notice No. 126 and ask will the Minister provide a detailed response to question on notice No. 430?

Mr BROWN replied:

Yes.

I am advised that:

Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

1. No.
2. It is the policy of the Department to discourage staff from using a mobile phone while driving. However, the Department already has sufficient vehicles fitted with cradle hands free devices to enable compliance with the change in the law, for the circumstances where it can be reasonably expected that the driver may need to use the mobile phone (eg. Inspectors driving to an emergency situation).
3. Not applicable.

Department of Industry and Technology:

1. The Department is progressively installing hands free cradles in its vehicle fleet.
2. Not applicable.
3. Approximately \$9 450.

Western Australian Tourism Commission:

1. Yes.
2. Not applicable.
3. There is no cost as of 1 July because all staff using motor vehicles had previously been provided with portable headsets.

Rottneest Island Authority:

1. Yes.
2. Not applicable.
3. Nil.

Small Business Development Corporation:

1. Motor Vehicles that are used by officers who have a government issued mobile phone have fitted an existing hands free facility.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.