

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, MOBILE PHONES, HANDS-FREE DEVICES

869. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education; Sport and Recreation; Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 422, 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. 422?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

WA Institute of Sports

- (1) WAIS does not have any mobile phones allocated to staff.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Not applicable

Department of Education

- (1)-(2) Where vehicles are part of the Government Vehicle Scheme, cradles may be fitted at the discretion of the individual officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. Cradles are not fitted to pool vehicles as it is not possible to install cradles that accommodate the diversity of mobile phones in use. Vehicles other than those in the central pool may be fitted with cradles at the discretion of cost centre managers.
- (3) Initial cradle installation costs are approximately \$500 per vehicle and transfer to another vehicle is approximately \$190. Details of total costs are not readily available as individual cost centre managers initiate the installation or transfer of cradles.

Country High School Hostels Authority

- (1) Yes
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3)
 - (a) All 8 residential colleges within the control of the Country High School Hostels Authority are aware of the ban on using hand held phones while driving vehicles
 - (b) Of the 8 colleges:
 - (i) 2 College managers have a mobile phone and 2 colleges have phones with a hands free facility
 - (ii) If used in college buses (by 2 colleges only) another passenger (other than driver) answers the telephone
 - (iii) 1 college does not have any mobile phone facility
 - (iv) 2 colleges are also now looking at cost of buying earpiece and microphone sets which are estimated to cost \$250 each.

Department of Sport and Recreation

- (1) No
- (2) Vehicles will be fitted with a 'universal handsfree car kit'
- (3) Approximately \$600 total

Department of Education Services

- (1) No.
- (2) All vehicles already had a cradle prior to 1 July 2001
- (3) Not applicable

Curriculum Council

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) \$ 1170.00

WA Sport Centre Trust

- (1)-(3) The answer to Assembly Question Without Notice 126 on 13th June 2001 is applicable

Department of Indigenous Affairs

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Approximately \$17,700.