

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, COST

1016. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister provide -

- (a) the full details, including total cost, since 19 February 2001, expended by each agency and statutory body that comes under your ministerial jurisdiction of officers attending conferences or seminars that were not conducted by each respective agency or statutory body;
- (b) the total costs, since 19 February 2001, expended by each agency and statutory body that comes under your ministerial jurisdiction in conducting 'in-house' conferences and seminars;
- (c) the details, including costs, of officers and contractors specifically employed since 19 February 2001 to conduct 'in-house' conferences and seminars; and
- (d) the specific reasons why it was necessary to employ officers and contractors to perform this task?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

The information being sought by the member is not readily available.

I would advise that information systems used in agencies are designed to address operational and statutory requirements and don't necessarily facilitate the ready provision of information being sought by the member.

However, if the member has a particular issue of concern, I would be pleased to consider arranging for the agency to provide information on that specific issue.