

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - BAD DEBTS INCURRED

5146. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

For each Department and Agency within the Minister's portfolio, will the Minister provide from each Department and Agency financial system -

- (1) The amount and number of bad debts incurred between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007?
- (2) The names of outstanding debtors?
- (3) What measures, if any, have been taken in the period between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007 to keep bad debts to a minimum?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

(1)-(3) [See paper 3178.]

Zoological Parks Authority

- (1) \$446.40.
- (2) Ms Nicola Smith.
- (3) Perth Zoo closely manages its debtors and consequently bad debts are kept at a minimum.

Department of Environment and Conservation; Swan River Trust

The Department of Environment and Conservation wrote off three bad debts incurred between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007, amounting to \$14,990.59.

- (4) Bad debts were written off for Whittakers Ltd, M S and C B Karafilis and a defunct Dymocks franchisee.
- (5) The department has an ongoing strategy for managing debtors. Business managers within the various Divisions of the department and the central Financial Services Branch follow up debtors for overdue payments. Initial contact is by telephone and if payments are still outstanding, this is followed up with written requests. Legal action is undertaken when appropriate.