

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EXPENDITURE ON POSTAGE, AUDITING

2569. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

For each Department and agency under the control of the Attorney General, including the Ministerial office -

- (a) what was the monthly expenditure on postage for each of the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and for each month, to date, of the current financial year;
- (b) what was the value of stamps purchased;
- (c) what was the value of 'franked' items posted; and
- (d) when was the last time that postage expenditure was audited?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

MINISTERIAL OFFICE - Please refer to the response provided by the Premier for question on notice 2567 of 2 March 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- (a) Monthly expenditure on postage is:

Month	2001/02 (\$)	2002/03 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)
July	121 173.44	252 702.31	264 752.72
August	182 814.24	141 026.91	157 740.57
September	223 912.67	127 376.32	120 490.47
October	204 205.41	151 063.59	142 677.49
November	120 448.02	181 186.47	204 658.70
December	116 047.64	139 792.28	139 742.25
January	133 880.76	154 634.98	142 505.04
February	134 158.09	179 158.09	137 498.77
March	168 736.35	138 877.11	
April	139 538.11	144 166.39	
May	195 078.49	182 700.08	
June	175 688.83	194 460.61	

- (b)

Month	2001/02 (\$)	2002/03 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)
July	664.57	128.40	90.17
August	528.50	342.92	479.64
September	697.67	295.43	200.44
October	478.25	106.61	775.74
November	962.19	473.65	980.73
December	437.59	1259.00	599.98
January	1080.55	179.57	913.28
February	557.43	271.55	1338.39
March	1184.53	430.25	
April	369.89	225.10	
May	1073.19	186.63	
June	558.91	443.31	

- (c)

Month	2001/02 (\$)	2002/03 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)
July	19 911.77	28 110.01	28 572.89
August	27 369.12	21 366.04	30 938.70
September	18 840.62	20 478.88	22 137.33
October	17 719.38	24 445.54	26 001.46
November	19 122.22	19 886.88	20 239.00
December	20 767.58	23 228.14	18 355.69
January	18 105.94	23 305.85	17 991.95
February	24 086.32	22 346.78	16 246.74
March	19 465.21	19 677.73	
April	18 258.72	23 582.45	
May	21 258.55	25 607.40	
June	18 926.13	24 286.38	

Royal Perth Hospital is unable to provide monthly figures – total for the years is

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267 962.00 321 492.00 228 820.00

- (d) Postage expenditure has not been specifically audited to date.

It may be useful to note that many areas of the DOH do not purchase stamps or use franking services. In these instances Australia Post charges a monthly fee based on services provided for the letters and packages that are delivered.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

(a)	2001/02		2002/03		2003/04	
	July	\$ 2,045.43	July	\$ 2,602.83	July	\$ 2,614.21
	August	\$ 2,441.09	August	\$ 2,955.71	August	\$ 2,819.64
	September	\$ 6,128.92	September	\$ 2,294.19	September	\$ 2,576.18
	October	\$ 2,489.61	October	\$ 2,433.44	October	\$ 2,991.76
	November	\$ 2,565.24	November	\$ 2,180.60	November	\$ 2,695.87
	December	\$ 2,126.45	December	\$ 4,388.18	December	\$ 2,407.18
	January	\$ 2,195.92	January	\$ 1,527.89	January	\$ 2,609.79
	February	\$ 2,573.92	February	\$ 5,198.69	February	\$ 2,303.62
	March	\$ 468.34	March	\$ 2,614.47		
	April	\$ 3,881.11	April	\$ 3,702.33		
	May	\$ 2,391.30	May	\$ 2,715.29		
	June	\$ 2,355.62	June	\$ 6,537.58		
		\$ 31,662.95		\$ 39,151.20		\$ 21,018.25

- (b) \$50;

- (c) nil;

- (d) 2001/02 as part of purchasing and payments.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

a)	Month	2001	2002	2003	2004
	January		\$1,423.37	\$11.91	\$652.36
	February		\$3,723.48	\$2,600.60	\$1,349.49
	March		\$538.79	\$797.07	\$377.45
	April		\$2,603.61	\$3,098.16	
	May		\$0.00	\$3,187.25	
	June		\$1,312.26	\$807.63	
	July	\$885.95	\$772.32	\$1,413.78	
	August	\$1,660.71	\$1,547.51	\$352.08	
	September	\$2,366.18	\$2,626.35	\$1,072.88	
	October	\$1,482.49	\$1,269.17	\$2,081.91	
	November	\$3,211.20	\$2,291.32	\$733.73	
	December	\$951.29	\$19.09	\$700.55	

- b) Not applicable. The Commissioner does not purchase stamps for postage.

- c) Please refer to the figures above for costs relating to 'franked' items posted.

- d) The Equal Opportunity Commission undertakes monthly reviews of all expenditure items, including postage, as a matter of process.

LAW REFORM COMMISSION

(a)	2001/02:	the total expenditure was \$1,134.28
	2002/03:	the total expenditure was \$668.97
	2003/04:	July 03 \$53.00
	Aug 03	Nil
	Sept 03	Nil
	Oct 03	Nil
	Nov 03	\$6.00
	Dec 03	Nil
	Jan 04	Nil
	Feb 04	Nil

- (b) Nil

- (c) This aspect of the Commission's expenditure on postage is covered under a Service Level Agreement it has with the Department of Justice.
- (d) The Commission's postage expenditure was audited by the internal auditors in July 2003.

STATE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

- (a)
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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 2001/2002 | \$27,268.32 |
| 2002/2003 | \$25,946.50 |
| 2003/2004 to 29 February 2004 | \$10,821.43 |
- (b) Nil
- (c) Nil
- (d) The postage is internally audited daily.

LEGAL AID WA

- (a)
- | | 2001/2002 | 2002/2003 | 2003 to current |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| July | \$3,268.03 | \$322.21 | \$2,357.10 |
| August | \$6,868.70 | \$4,541.89 | \$4,794.18 |
| September | \$5,270.72 | \$6,370.06 | \$3,481.62 |
| October | \$4,440.38 | \$3,726.40 | \$4,036.92 |
| November | \$4,424.81 | \$4,892.70 | \$8,475.98 |
| December | \$4,161.04 | \$3,941.79 | \$4,438.52 |
| January | \$3,759.84 | \$4,321.59 | \$4,246.83 |
| February | \$4,743.65 | \$4,142.51 | \$3,756.80 |
| March | \$5,740.85 | \$5,351.21 | \$1,625.72 |
| April | \$3,320.07 | \$4,324.54 | |
| May | \$3,629.25 | \$3,848.17 | |
| June | \$7,336.47 | \$7,760.40 | |
| Total | \$56,963.81 | \$53,543.47 | \$37,213.67 |

Please Note: The expenditure reported on postage in question (a) includes DX couriers in the CBD and Mailwest couriers to regional offices.

- (b)
- | | 2001/2002 | 2002/2003 | 2003 to current |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Total | \$646.60 | \$958.55 | \$533.50 |
- (c)
- | | 2001/2002 | 2002/2003 | 2003 to current |
|-------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Total | \$12,202.84 | \$5,127.33 | \$5,003.11 |

- (d) Postage expenditure has not been specifically audited in the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

- (a)-(b)
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|----------|--|-----------------|
| 2001/02: | Monthly MailWest inter-agency fee | \$156.25 |
| | Monthly expenditure on stamps (avg) | \$ 19.67 |
| | Monthly cost of postage otherwise paid (avg) | \$ 68.01 |
| | Total | \$243.93 |
| 2002/03: | Monthly MailWest inter-agency fee | \$159.08 |
| | Monthly expenditure on stamps (avg) | \$ 15.63 |
| | Monthly cost of postage otherwise paid (avg) | \$ 34.39 |
| | Total | \$209.10 |
| 2003/04: | Monthly MailWest inter-agency fee | Nil (cancelled) |
| | Monthly expenditure on stamps (avg) | \$72.16 |
| | Monthly cost of postage otherwise paid (avg) | \$21.41 |
| | Total | \$93.57 |

- (c) Nil.
- (d) 29 January 2004

OFFICE OF HEALTH REVIEW

- (a)
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|------------|-------------|
| 2001-2002: | \$3,036.09. |
| 2002-2003: | \$3,108.23. |

2003-2004:	July 03:	\$223.27.
	Aug 03:	\$286.95.
	Sep 03:	\$213.76.
	Oct 03:	\$268.95.
	Nov 03:	\$330.15.
	Dec 03:	\$224.58.
	Jan 04:	\$265.40.
	Feb 04:	\$256.88.

- (b) 2001-2002: \$196.60.
2002-2003: \$352.34.
2003-2004: \$192.55.

(c) Nil.

(d) December 2003 by the auditor.

W.A. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (a)
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|--------|---|
| Jul-01 | \$11,566.24 |
| Aug-01 | \$15,444.99 |
| Sep-01 | \$16,118.29 |
| Oct-01 | \$16.89 |
| Nov-01 | \$6,048.08 |
| Dec-01 | \$399.19 |
| Jan-02 | \$6.25 |
| Feb-02 | \$2,053.34 |
| Mar-02 | \$4,395.43 |
| Apr-02 | \$2,938.27 |
| May-02 | \$472.72 |
| Jun-02 | \$2,995.88 |
| Jul-02 | \$7,470.38 |
| Aug-02 | \$5,609.09 |
| Sep-02 | \$20,131.45 |
| Oct-02 | \$1,817.95 |
| Nov-02 | \$1,527.89 |
| Dec-02 | \$11,434.84 |
| Jan-03 | \$3,055.71 |
| Feb-03 | \$1,086.66 |
| Mar-03 | \$2,523.73 |
| Apr-03 | \$360,887.13 Local Government Elections |
| May-03 | \$0.00 |
| Jun-03 | \$134,648.05 Local Government Elections |
| Jul-03 | \$7,411.37 |
| Aug-03 | \$1,949.38 |
| Sep-03 | \$5,380.81 |
| Oct-03 | \$21,311.98 |
| Nov-03 | \$51,690.16 |
| Dec-03 | \$1,199.77 |
| Jan-04 | \$3,646.70 |
| Feb-04 | \$3,060.81 |
| Mar-04 | \$2,177.69 |
| | \$710,477.12 |

(b) \$50.00 Per year

(c) Nil

(d) Payments for postal services are reviewed annually as part of audits of accounts payable.