

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EXPENDITURE ON POSTAGE, AUDITING

2576. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts

For each Department and agency under the control of the Minister, 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?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

MINISTER'S OFFICE

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

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) The monthly expenditure on postage for each of the financial years 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 is as shown:

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
Jul	48980	84420	27667
Aug	78733	31192	25077
Sep	37503	26855	29370
Oct	28994	26685	23496
Nov	27144	30165	26294
Dec	26118	22158	26356
Jan	18237	28047	30196
Feb	58983	20027	24310
Mar	34318	21476	
Apr	38911	26253	
May	24330	25614	
Jun	25090	32958	

- (b) The Department uses Mailwest as its postage provider therefore does not use postage stamps except in some remote areas where expenditure is minimal.
- (c) The Department uses Mailwest as its postage provider and therefore does not use the franking system.
- (d) The Department's procedure requires all postage accounts to be checked monthly when bills are received. These checks are made by incurring officers in addition to the signoff by certifying officers prior to payment.

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

- (a) Postal expenditure (including stamps):

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
Jul	8245	7353	10370
Aug	14513	20241	8972
Sep	31762	15094	11714
Oct	6444	14415	10421
Nov	10176	4375	8514
Dec	6002	10423	9803
Jan	7895	10603	11380
Feb	1594	4588	8474
Mar	12205	5142	
Apr	2208	11511	
May	10818	7489	
Jun	9435	10020	

- (b) Value of stamps purchased:

2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
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Jul	389	109	1397
Aug	378	741	154
Sep	249	123	370
Oct	421	586	220
Nov	520	43	45
Dec	305	123	303
Jan	0	273	136
Feb	322	272	354
Mar	496	469	
Apr	513	45	
May	205	217	
Jun	86	361	

- (c) Not applicable, as the Commission does not use a franking system.
- (d) General expenditure audit was conducted in 2002/2003 and will also be conducted in 2003/2004.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	412	545	1436
	Aug	4315	1579	926
	Sep	1461	9	631
	Oct	583	6034	931
	Nov	807	883	0
	Dec	962	2030	1536
	Jan	629	628	317
	Feb	1506	489	2842
	Mar	215	1136	
	Apr	3609	394	
	May	611	294	
	Jun	1825	3766	

- (b) Not applicable, as all items are franked.
- (c) Refer to response to (a).
- (d) The financial statements and accounts are audited externally by the Office of Auditor General and internally through internal audit. Postage expenditure has not received specific audit attention during this period.

WA Museum

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	2437	5017	853
	Aug	4950	8666	2781
	Sep	4169	7505	2668
	Oct	4193	4861	6731
	Nov	6715	5529	2894
	Dec	7334	2015	8470
	Jan	6597	8385	4865
	Mar	6220	4824	
	Apr	9787	5841	
	May	6311	2166	
	Jun	5391	6138	

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State Library of Western Australia

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	2988	2551	3148

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Aug	79617	3306	3537
Sep	3285	3000	3324
Oct	149	83199	3010
Nov	5925	4088	4030
Dec	3174	150	2636
Jan	2376	5383	324
Feb	150	2726	5262
Mar	4740	2671	
Apr	2714	2927	
May	2874	2980	
Jun	3353	88943	

(b) Not applicable, as all items are franked.

(c) Refer to response to (a).

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ScreenWest

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	517	212	142
	Aug	209	116	284
	Sep	209	138	151
	Oct	206	139	236
	Nov	283	95	185
	Dec	330	185	156
	Jan	239	95	407
	Feb	209	98	124
	Mar	333	130	3
	Apr	253	88	
	May	378	149	
	Jun	8	173	

(b)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	22	0	0
	Aug	0	0	0
	Sept	0	0	0
	Oct	0	0	0
	Nov	1	0	8
	Dec	4	0	0
	Jan	0	0	0
	Feb	9	0	0
	Mar	81	0	3
	Apr	0	0	
	May	0	0	
	Jun	0	0	

(c)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	495	212	142
	Aug	209	116	284
	Sep	209	138	151
	Oct	206	139	236
	Nov	282	95	177
	Dec	326	185	156
	Jan	239	95	407
	Feb	200	98	124
	Mar	252	130	
	Apr	253	88	
	May	378	149	
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Art Gallery of Western Australia

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	1105	1864	1030
	Aug	5463	4295	5197
	Sep	3463	3565	1629
	Oct	5806	2086	6271
	Nov	4098	867	348
	Dec	500	1928	2528
	Jan	2502	3149	2394
	Feb	1965	2513	3569
	Mar	808	2303	
	Apr	712	1004	
	May	6479	3909	
	Jun	2574	3511	

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Perth Theatre Trust

(a)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	49	2839	3266
	Aug	1372	3454	1299
	Sep	15111	11636	12325
	Oct	896	2213	1304
	Nov	12318	11662	32450
	Dec	734	1004	272
	Jan	10071	115	4823
	Feb	460	10374	182
	Mar	13334	13882	
	Apr	767	625	
	May	936	10864	
	Jun	3422	23110	

(b)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	49	2839	3266
	Aug	1372	3454	1299
	Sep	5111	1636	2325
	Oct	896	2213	1304
	Nov	1318	1662	2450
	Dec	734	1004	272
	Jan	71	115	4823
	Feb	324	374	102
	Mar	3286	3698	
	Apr	767	625	
	May	936	864	
	Jun	3422	23110	

(c)		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
	Jul	0	0	0
	Aug	0	0	0
	Sep	10000	10000	10000
	Oct	0	0	0
	Nov	11000	10000	30000
	Dec	0	0	0

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Jan	10000	0	0
Feb	0	10000	
Mar	10000	10000	
Apr	0	0	
May	0	10000	
Jun	0	0	

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