

PUBLIC SECTOR — ANNUAL REPORTS — COSTS

461. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the requirement for departments and agencies to advise the Public Sector Commission (PSC) of the costs of producing their annual reports, and ask:

- (a) What was the total cost of production for every agency or department as reported to the PSC for the financial years:
 - (i) 2017–18;
 - (ii) 2018–19;
 - (iii) 2019–20;
 - (iv) 2020–21; and
 - (v) 2021–22;
- (b) For each individual financial year and agency or department in (a)(i)–(v), what was the cost of distribution for those annual reports; and
- (c) For each individual financial year and agency or department in (a)(i)–(v), what was the total figure for wages paid to external agencies and/or consultants to support the production and distribution of those annual reports?

Mr M. McGowan replied:

- (a)–(c) [See tabled paper no 1118.] for costs reported by agencies for the 2017–18 financial year.

Since 2018–19, published annual reporting guidelines have advised public sector agencies to keep records of the costs of producing their annual reports to respond to individual requests for information. They have not been required to report these costs to the Public Sector Commission since this time.

Agencies have never been required to report ‘the cost of distribution’ separately.