

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOBILE PHONES, PROVIDERS, COST AND
AUDITS

2378. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

For all Agencies and Departments within the portfolio of the Minister, including the Minister's office -

- (a) who is the mobile telephone service provider;
- (b) for each of the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003, what is the monthly cost of mobile telephone calls; and
- (c) how often are individual mobile telephone accounts audited, to ensure that they are complying with guidelines?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

Department of Consumer and Employment Protection

- (a) Telstra.
- (b) 2000/2001 - \$8969.59 (Monthly average)
2001/2002 - \$9531.34 (Monthly average)
2002/2003 - \$9352.38 (Monthly average)
- (c) The Department has a mobile telephone policy which requires all mobile telephone accounts to be monitored and authorised by Managers to ensure compliance with guidelines. In addition, the Internal Auditor undertakes an audit of individual mobile telephone accounts on a regular basis.

Department of Indigenous Affairs

- (a) Telstra.
- (b) 2000/2001 - \$3660.00 (Monthly average)
2001/2002 - \$4290.00 (Monthly average)
2002/2003 - \$3930.00 (Monthly average)
- (c) Monthly verification by supervisors.

WorkCover WA

- (a) Vodafone and Telstra.
- (b) 2000/2001 - \$230.94 (Monthly average)
2001/2002 - \$243.35 (Monthly average)
2002/2003 - \$207.69 (Monthly average)
- (c) Internal and external audit review payments on a yearly basis and have to date not revealed any irregularities with individual mobile telephone accounts. WorkCover has a strict internal monitoring regime whereby on a quarterly basis all expenditure, revenue and budget is reviewed by the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Commission. This includes ensuring compliance with mobile telephone guidelines.

In addition, the agency as part of its internal control procedure relies on Certifying and Incurring Officers, approved under the Financial Administration and Audit 1985 and Treasurer's Instructions, to perform relevant checks and balances prior to signing off for payment. This process extends to payment of individual mobile telephone accounts.

Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

- (a) Telstra and Vodafone.
- (b) 2000/2001 - \$180.00 (Monthly average)
2001/2002 - \$441.41 (Monthly average)
2002/2003 - \$518.17 (Monthly average)
- (c) All mobile accounts are checked on a monthly basis. All mobile account users are asked to verify call use.

Construction Industry Long Service Leave Payments Board

- (a) Telstra.

- (b) 2000/2001 - \$240.00 (Monthly average)
2001/2002 - \$235.00 (Monthly average)
2002/2003 - \$260.00 (Monthly average)

- (c) All mobile accounts are checked on a monthly basis.

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- (a)-(c) Please refer to the response provided by the Premier for question on notice 2375 of 16th December 2003.