

MINISTERIAL OFFICES, TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINES, SUBSCRIPTIONS

2950. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

I refer to the subscription of trade and professional magazines and periodicals for Ministerial Office/s and ask -

- (a) what are the names of the trade and professional magazines and periodicals that are subscribed to;
- (b) for each of the trade and professional magazines and periodicals, what are the monthly and annual costs and charges;
- (c) are the trade and professional magazines and periodicals ordered for individual or general use;
- (d) for those trade and professional magazines and periodicals ordered for individuals, what are the names and positions held by these individuals and the reason/s that they receive the trade and professional magazines and periodicals;
- (e) who authorises the purchase or subscription to each trade and professional magazine or periodical;
- (f) what are the guidelines for such purchases; and
- (g) if there are no guidelines for such purchases, will the Minister implement guidelines?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

- (a) The Countryman, (Elders) Farm Weekly and Pro-Farmer
- (b) The Countryman \$156.00 per annum; (Elders) Farm Weekly \$306.80 per annum; Pro-Farmer \$355.85 per annum
- (c) General use
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) All Ministerial office expenditure is authorised by either the Chief of Staff or the Executive Officer who have been appointed as Incurring Officers under the terms of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.
- (f) There are no written guidelines for such purchases but purchases of trade/professional magazines/periodicals are made when it is considered that their relevance will assist the Minister and ministerial staff in the discharge of their duties.
- (g) It is not considered necessary to have specific guidelines for this purpose.