

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE — IT AND TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

5126. Dr A.D. Buti to the Treasurer

In October 2009, the Department of Treasury and Finance entered into a Common User Arrangement (CUA) for Information Technology and Telecommunication equipment and services purchases, and in relation to this, I ask:

- (a) how many satellite phones have been purchased under this CUA; and
- (b) what is the total dollar value of these purchases and the total monthly usage charges?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) 243 satellite phones have been purchased across government on the new Telecommunications CUA which commenced on 12 April 2010; and
- (b) the dollar value of these purchases of satellite phones is \$398,750 and the total monthly usage charges for satellite phones for the 12 months operation of the new Telecommunications CUA is \$59,290. The monthly charges are a fixed monthly charge of \$30 plus a usage of approximately \$10-20 per month.