

MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — PORTFOLIOS — PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

4465. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

Have any of your departments, agencies, boards or publicly owned corporations (since 17 March 2017) spent money on professional photographer services:

- (a) If so, for all non-event based photography:
 - (i) What company has been engaged to undertake the photography;
 - (ii) What was the purpose of each engagement of service; and
 - (iii) How much money has been spent; and
- (b) If so, for all event-based photography:
 - (i) What company has been engaged to undertake the photography;
 - (ii) What was the event photographed and where;
 - (iii) Was the photographer paid money to undertake travel, and if so, how much; and
 - (iv) How much money has been spent in total?

Ms S.F. McGurk replied:

This answer includes the response for the Department of Communities, from 1 July 2017, and for the former Department for Child Protection and Family Support, Housing Authority, Disability Services Commission and the Communities component of the Department of Local Government and Communities, for the period prior to amalgamation.

The Department of Communities covers multiple Ministers' portfolios, including Disability Services, Volunteering, Seniors and Ageing Housing, Youth and Veterans Issues, as well as my Child Protection, Women's Interests, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services portfolios.

Answering this question would involve a manual search, across the agency's multiple finance systems, of every invoice received by the agency for the specified years and would then entail further review. The government is not prepared to divert such a substantial and unreasonable portion of agency resources away from core operations to undertake such an intensive search.

The agency's communications and marketing spend is calculated by financial year and is captured in its annual reports.

Should the member have a question regarding a particular professional photography organisation or service, I would encourage him to ask a more specific question.