

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS — EXPENSES

76. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

In respect of the Minister's portfolio responsibilities since 17 March 2017 for departments, agencies, boards or publicly owned corporations:

- (a) how much has been spent on professional print services;
- (b) how much has been spent on pens and pencils;
- (c) how much has been spent on newspaper subscriptions;
- (d) how much has been spent on journal or publication subscriptions;
- (e) how much has been spent on media monitoring;
- (f) how much has been spent on alcohol;
- (g) how much has been spent on coffee machines, coffee or coffee pods;
- (h) how much has been spent on office plants;
- (i) how much has been spent on paintings, posters, artwork or decorations; and
- (j) for (a)–(i) will the Minister provide a breakdown for this expenditure by description, type, and quantity?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

(a)–(i) [See tabled paper no 330.]

- (j) (a)–(i) Agencies, departments and government trading enterprises record expenditure in various cost centres and reports during the course of their business. It is not considered a reasonable or appropriate use of Government resources to provide an answer to this question in relation to all departmental expenditure and the Minister is not prepared to devote further resources to provide this enormous amount of detail. Should the Member have a specific query relating to the breakdown of office expenditure, I would be happy to respond to this query.