

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - EX GRATIA OR SIMILAR PAYMENTS

2047. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering

Will the Minister inform the House as to any *ex gratia* or similar payments made by any agencies or departments during the 2006 calendar year under the Minister's portfolio responsibilities, including -

- (a) the name of the person receiving the payment;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the reasons for the payment; and
- (d) the processes undertaken between the application, or proposal, for such a payment to be made, and the making of that payment?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Office of Women's Interests

- (a)-(d) Nil

Family Domestic Violence Unit

- (a)-(d) Nil

Office of Seniors and Volunteering

- (a)-(d) Nil

Office of Child Protection

- (a) The names of the persons receiving these payments in 2006 were:
  - 1 - Mark Abbott
  - 2 - Dennis Dickerson
- (b) The amounts of the payments were:
  - 1 - \$90
  - 2 - \$415
- (c) The reasons for the payments were:
  - 1 - Stolen jacket from parked departmental vehicle
  - 2 - Damaged prescription glasses
- (d) The processes undertaken between the application, or proposal, for such a payment to be made, and the making of that payment in each case were:

Applications were reviewed at Unit and Directorate levels and once endorsed were referred to a departmental assessment panel comprising members from Finance, Human Resources and Service Delivery sections. The assessment panel reviewed each request in light of criteria outlined in Treasurer's Instruction 319.

Following endorsement by the assessment panel, application was made to the Minister for approval. (Minister had delegated authority up to \$50,000 during 2006). Following approval, outcome details were recorded in Act of Grace Payments register and payment to the claimant arranged.

Standard processes are documented in the Department's Best Practice Manual).