

MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — PORTFOLIOS — PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

4482. 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, publicly owned corporations or Ministerial Office (since 17 March 2017) spent money on professional photo editing services:

- (a) If so:
 - (i) What company has been engaged to undertake the photo editing;
 - (ii) What was the purpose of each engagement;
 - (iii) How much money has been spent; and
 - (iv) Have the edited images been made publicly available:
 - (A) If not, why not?

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 photo editing organisation or service, I would encourage him to ask a more specific question.