

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, OUTSIDE SCOPE OF WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT COMMON USE
CONTRACTS

139. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for the Environment; Science

Will the Minister provide details of all contracts undertaken by the Minister's office since 1 January 2004 that were outside the scope of the whole of Government common use contracts, including but not limited to -

- (a) the purpose of the contract; and
- (b) the cost of the contract?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

The Minister for the Environment; Science has provided the following response:

The State Supply Commission's draft 'Procurement Users Guide' states:

"For many purchases the price for the goods or services is at a standard rate, eg taxi fares, publications. Payment for these simple purchases constitutes a contract. In other circumstances a letter, email, facsimile, purchase order, or use of a purchasing card will form a contract."

Given this interpretation of contracts, the staff resources necessary to collect this information cannot be currently justified. However, if the Member has a specific query I will endeavour to provide a response.