

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN - CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS - TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON
RESTAURANT BILLS AND DETAILS OF "UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS"

1316. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer to the Western Australian Government Corporate Credit Card Guidelines September 2003, Page 9, "Care should be taken to record and retain all transaction details particularly unusual transactions such as restaurant bills" and ask -

- (1) What was the total credit card expenditure within the Minister's Office on restaurant bills in -
 - (a) 2004-2005; and
 - (b) 2005-2006?
- (2) In terms of the guidelines above, were there any other "unusual transactions" recorded?
- (3) If yes to (2), what are the details for -
 - (a) 2004-2005; and
 - (b) 2005-2006?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Provision of this information requires considerable research, diverting staff attention away from their normal duties. As this is not an efficient use of taxpayer funds it would be more appropriate if in the future the member has a question for him to be more specific in his request.

- (1)
 - (a) \$688.95
 - (b) \$544.50

The above amounts are only for expenditure at restaurants that has been undertaken in Perth. Costs of meals at restaurants undertaken while on Ministerial travel are not considered in this response as these are included in quarterly travel returns tabled in the parliament.

- (2) No
- (3) Not applicable