

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

264. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Will the Minister provide the following for each Department and Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial office -

- (a) the total amount spent on legal advice since 1 July 2003;
- (b) the name of each provider of legal advice;
- (c) the amount paid to each provider of legal advice; and
- (d) the service for which the payments were made?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

This information is not readily available. Provision of this information would require considerable research which would divert staff attention away from their normal duties and I am not prepared to allocate the State's resources to provide a response. If the Member has a specific inquiry I will endeavour to provide a reply.