

MINISTERIAL OFFICES - TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON RUNNING OF OFFICES AND BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

1046. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

In respect of the Minister's ministerial office, will the Minister please advise -

- (1) What was the total expenditure during the period 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005 in relation to -
- (a) running the Ministerial office (total spend);
  - (b) office rental;
  - (c) postage;
  - (d) Telephones and telephone usage (fixed, mobile and fax, including rental costs, hand sets, head sets and other accessories, faxes, calls, SMS text messages, multimedia messages);
  - (e) printing and stationary;
  - (f) electricity;
  - (g) computers and technology (including software);
  - (h) advertising;
  - (i) flowers and plant hire;
  - (j) petty cash;
  - (k) entertainment (including office functions);
  - (l) conferences;
  - (m) couriers; and
  - (n) internet charges?
- (2) What was the total expenditure during the period 1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005 in relation to -
- (a) running the Ministerial office (total spend);
  - (b) office rental;
  - (c) postage;
  - (d) Telephones and telephone usage (fixed, mobile and fax, including rental costs, hand sets, head sets and other accessories, faxes, calls, SMS text messages, multimedia messages);
  - (e) printing and stationary;
  - (f) electricity;
  - (g) computers and technology (including software);
  - (h) advertising;
  - (i) flowers and plant hire;
  - (j) petty cash;
  - (k) entertainment (including office functions);
  - (l) conferences;
  - (m) couriers; and
  - (n) internet charges?

Mr M.P. MURRAY:

The substantial amount of detailed information sought is not easy to extract from existing records and would require a significant amount of time to prepare. I am not prepared to divert resources from other essential duties in order to respond to this question.