

Question No: 151

Question: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries Helicopter Hire

Date: 11/08/92

Member: Mr BELL

To: MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRY and FISHERIES

1. What payments were made by the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries for helicopter hire in each of the following financial years -

- (a) 1988-89;
- (b) 1989-90;
- (c) 1990-91; and
- (d) 1991-92.

2. Which companies or individuals received these hire payments.

3. What was the value of payments to individual companies in each of the following financial years -

- (a) 1988-89;
- (b) 1989-90;
- (c) 1990-91; and
- (d) 1991-92.

ANSWER

1. Total payments made to helicopter companies in the financial years from 1988-89 to 1991-92 are as follows -

- (a) 1988-89 - \$ 910 000;
- (b) 1989-90 - \$2 782 000;
- (c) 1990-91 - \$1 840 000; and
- (d) 1991-92 - \$2 424 000.

2. The following companies have been used by the department during the 4 years from 1988-89 to 1991-92 -

AA Co Pty Ltd;
Alice Helitours;
Bright Bros;
Cloncurry Mustering Co;
Darwin Aircraft Charters;
Frescote;
Helicentre;
Helicopter Aviation Services;
Heliwork NT;
Heliwork WA;
Hellimate;
Hellimuster;
Heytesbury Pastoral Company;
J. & M. Groves;
Leeman Pty Ltd
Melcraig Helicopters;

Merlin Aviation;
Merlin Aviations;
North West Mustering;
Pegasus Airways;
Qld Helicopters;
Rotor Services;
Rural Helicopters;
Slingsby Capricorn Helicopters; and
Stansbroke Pastoral Company.

3. Details of payments to individual companies is private commercial information. The department is in receipt of legal advice, arising from a previous similar request, that such information shall not be released without the consent of the companies concerned.