

Estimates Committee 2004 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Roll Data

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Speaker

Question: 1-2
Are there any Members still using Roll Data and, if so, what is the cost of maintenance of the database? Please provide a list of those Members.

Answer:
Answered On: 24/06/2004
Answer: Clause 7.5 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2003 states that "Members are entitled to either the Rolldata database of the Northern Territory Electoral Roll in their electorate office at Government expense or, with the approval of the Speaker, to a payment of up to \$1,500 each year towards the cost of an alternative electoral database."

Members from both major parties have elected to utilise an alternative database and have received payment towards the cost of this. Hence only the two Independent Members are still using Rolldata.

The previous contract was for a flat \$500 per month for download of the electorate roll and any support required. When the contract was renewed an analysis of support required was undertaken and it was found that the flat rate was not a cost-effective option. The new contract, effective from September 2003, was therefore changed to an hourly rate.

The costs for maintaining Rolldata are therefore as follows:

- Under the old contract July – August 2003
2 months @ \$500 pm \$1000
- Under new contract Sept 03 to June 04
18 hours @ hourly rate of \$44.50
(ie average \$80 per month) \$801

Total cost for maintaining Rolldata for 03-04 \$1801