

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING — MINISTERIAL OFFICE — EXPENSES

98. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

In respect to the Minister's Ministerial office since 17 March 2017:

- (a) how much has been spent on professional print services;
- (b) how much has been spent on pens and pencils;
- (c) how much has been spent on newspaper subscriptions;
- (d) how much has been spent on journal or publication subscriptions;
- (e) how much has been spent on media monitoring;
- (f) how much has been spent on alcohol;
- (g) how much has been spent on office plants;
- (h) how much has been spent on coffee machines, coffee or coffee pods;
- (i) how much has been spent on paintings, posters, artwork or decorations; and
- (j) for (a)–(i) will the Minister provide a breakdown for this expenditure by description, type, and quantity?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a)–(j) The office has spent \$16,121.31 as per the “Supplies and Services” finance system code. The supplies and services code includes the components the member asked for as well as components outside of the ambit of the question.

With regard to ‘supplies and services’ information not requested by the Member but included in the answer, significant expenditure relates to professional services (i.e. includes print services requested, but also includes significant legal fees etc.), car bay leases, consumables (i.e. includes pens and pencils, but all other stationary and consumable items e.g. paper, kitchen supplies), telecommunications, computer software licences, airfares, electricity, contracts and many other costs.

I am not prepared to devote further resources to provide the enormous amount of detail requested.