

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PORTFOLIOS — EX GRATIA PAYMENTS

3406. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Attorney General; Minister for Commerce:

Will the Minister advise as to any ex gratia or similar payments made by any agency, commission, department or Government Trading Enterprise since 1 April 2013 under the Minister's portfolio responsibilities, including:

- (a) the name of the person or company receiving the payment;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the reasons for the payment; and
- (d) the processes undertaken between the application, or proposal for such a payment to be made, and the making of that payment?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a)–(d) Information relating to specific *ex gratia* or similar payments is subject to a range of personal information considerations concerning the individuals receiving the payment. These considerations differ from payment to payment. If the Leader of the Opposition is seeking information concerning such payments made by a specific agency, he is encouraged to submit a Freedom of Information Application to that agency so that the consultation and decision making processes mandated by the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* can be followed.