

ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY — COST OF SERVICE

1658. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Tourism:

- (1) What was the total cost of service provision by the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) for the supply of utilities to Rottnest Island in 2014–15, 2015–16 and 2016–17 for each of the following:
 - (a) power;
 - (b) water;
 - (c) telecommunications; and
 - (d) fire prevention and fire fighting capacity?
- (2) Does the Rottnest Island Authority recover 100% of the cost of services listed in (1) through fees and charges?
- (3) For each of the above services listed in (1), what percentage of these costs are recouped through fees and charges to visitors of the island in:
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) landing and admission fees; and
 - (c) other?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

(1)

	2014–15	2015–16	2016-17
	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's
(a)	\$3,590	\$3,512	\$3,465
(b)	\$2,101	\$2,289	\$2,872
(c)	\$284	\$277	\$297
(d)	\$584	\$436	\$555

- (2) No.
- (3) (a)–(c) Not applicable.

The *Rottnest Island Authority Act* (1987) requires that overall revenue meets expenditure. The Act allows RIA to impose fees and charges that are not solely based on the estimated cost of providing the service to which the specific fee or charge relates.

RIA sets individual fees on the basis of forecast revenue from all fees, market sensitivity for individual fees and the need to meet total expenditure, having regard to the \$5.3 million per annum Administrative Appropriation it receives to deliver services on the Island.