

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 804

asked on Tuesday, 17 August 2004

MR MCARDLE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

Given that the Ergon Annual Report does not clearly identify this expenditure, will he provide the total spent (reported separately) on (a) sponsorships, (b) corporate hospitality (including corporate boxes), (c) marketing and (d) other public relations activities (with details) for each of 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The information requested, if released publicly, has the potential to act to the commercial detriment of the corporation and/or could potentially breach requirements for confidentiality of parties to existing contracts.

However, should the Member require a confidential briefing, I would be happy to arrange for appropriate officers to provide this. I encourage the Member to contact my office for this purpose.