

**Question on Notice
No. 514
Asked on Thursday 15 March 2007**

QUESTION:

MRS MENKINS asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding, or funding used for one-off grants, expended by her department/s at the discretion of the minister or chief executive officer—

- (1) Will she provide for 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, details of all items of expenditure from such fund/s and or one-off grants including (a) reason for expenditure, (b) total amount, (c) the date each item of expenditure was approved and (d) the person/s responsible for approval of expenditure?
- (2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?
- (3) Why are the reserve or contingency funding or one-off grants used rather than approved grant funds?

ANSWER:

The Environmental Protection Agency does not provide for any reserve, contingency or emergency fund, or funding used for one-off grants for use by either the Minister or Chief Executive Officer.

All funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency by Parliament are fully allocated to the operational units within the Agency to fund the agencies outputs, namely, protecting our natural and cultural heritage, promoting sustainable use of our natural capital, and ensuring a clean environment.