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Department of Communications

Question No: 36

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Non-Conventional Therapies

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since 7 September 2013:

1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes:
 1. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?
 2. Who are they available to?
 3. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?
2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff?

If yes:

 1. What therapies have been provided?
 2. What were they used to treat?
 3. What was the cost of the therapy?

Answer:

1. No.
2. No.