

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

**Ref No: SQ14-000045**

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Ministerial Motor Vehicle

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig Joe

**Question:**

1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:
  - a. What is the make and model?
  - b. How much did it cost?
  - c. When was it provided?
  - d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
  - e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
  - f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
  - g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
  - h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
  - i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
  - j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
  - a. Holden, Commodore VE Series II.
  - b. Total amount financed is \$38,467.76 including GST.
  - c. The Department of Health took over the lease on the Minister for Health's, the Hon Peter Dutton MP's, existing vehicle on 18 September 2013.
  - d. No. The Department took over the residual of the lease on the 18 September 2013 and pays a monthly cost.
  - e. As of 28 February 2014 the ongoing cost is \$5,499.89, including lease charges.
  - f. Yes.
  - g. This guidelines are "Department of Finance, Ministers of State Entitlements, June 2013". The relevant section can be viewed at:  
[http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements\\_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part\\_Four\\_Travel\\_-\\_4.4\\_Car\\_Transport.asp](http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel_-_4.4_Car_Transport.asp)
  - h. No.
  - i. See answer g.
  - j. No.