

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 967

Topic: Hire cars (ATO)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

967. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date (28 February 2013)? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

967. In 2012-13 to 28 February 2013, the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission, the Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and the Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$120,723 (excluding GST) on hire cars.

The details of this expenditure, by ATO business area, are provided in the table below:

ATO Business Area	2012-2013 to 28 Feb 2013 \$
Income Tax LB&I	1,198
Client Account Services	1,582
Business Reporting and Registration	339
Micro Enterprises & Individuals	4,835
Serious Non-Compliance	8,330
Indirect Tax	2,139
Debt	534
Customer Service & Solutions	784
Compliance Support & Capability	447
ATO Finance*	72,148
Information & Communications Technology	6,166
Law and Practice	320
Corporate Relations	3,143
Office of the Commissioners	167
Office of the Chief Knowledge Officer	69
Small & Medium Enterprises	707
ATO People	1,095
Operations Support & Capability	512
Tax Practitioner & Lodgement Strategy	2,772
Australian Valuation Office	13,436
Total	120,723

* ATO Finance incurs hire car expenses on behalf of other ATO business areas where fleet vehicles are not available and hire cars are organised as an alternative means of travel.

a. The ATO short-term hire vehicles contract for business use provides the same terms as fleet vehicles and are used when cost efficient. For example, travel to and from an airport where it is more cost effective than taxis, interstate travel or when a fleet vehicle is not available.