

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – All Agencies

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Hire cars

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer:** Indigenous Portfolio body responses are provided below:

<b>Portfolio Body</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	a) WA \$305.22, Southern Central Australia \$298.56, National Office \$1,508.53 b) Travel to hostels and communities, primarily in remote areas office vehicles are not available or suitable.
Anindilyakwa Land Council	a) \$1086.84 (GST Exclusive) spent on hire cars for period, of which: - \$430.82 for Land & Sea Management department - \$408.87 for Chief Executive Officer travel for official business - Remainder for consultants travel on Groote Eylandt  b) Hire cars are utilised where transit costs between accommodation and place of official business are a more economically viable option than the use of taxis.

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	The above detailed costs have been for staff attendance at conferences/official business outside the immediate city precinct and further for consultants on Groote Eylandt for which a suitable company vehicle was not available.
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	a) \$1,210.94 b) Travel for work when taking taxis is uneconomical.
Central Land Council	a) \$1,182.00 b) Approved business purpose travel.
Indigenous Business Australia	a) Total IBA spend on car hire from 7 September to 9 December 2012 was \$15,608.79 (excluding GST).  Breakdown by business group:  Corporate and support services: \$2,659.98 Home Ownership: \$5,886.40 Business Development and Assistance: \$2,593.79 Equity and Investments: \$4,468.62  b) To attend a variety of meetings, conferences, training and events.
Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)	a) ILC spent \$37,870.96 (GST exclusive) on hire cars from 7 September to 30 November 2013.  b) The reasons for hire car costs are in connection with staff travel, mainly in remote and rural areas of Australia.
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	a) \$9,105.00 b) Travel in remote areas where no pool vehicle available.
Torres Strait Regional Authority	a) TSRA spent a total of \$3,337 on hire cars during the period. This amount is broken down as follows:  Economic Development Programme \$ 703 Native Title Office \$1,553

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	Environment Programme \$900 Governance & Leadership Program \$181  Total \$3,337 b) Rental cars are used for travel when TSRA Staff are not on Thursday Island and when it is more efficient than taxis.
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil