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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Department of Communications

Question No: 379

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hire Cars

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

1. For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014, total departmental expense on hire cars was \$201 (GST excl). The Department does not record hire car expense data in a way that would readily allow individual business groups to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. The use of hire cars is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as all other travel undertaken by departmental staff.