

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 425**

**Program No. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)**

**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. From November 2013 to 28 March 2014, TUSMA has spent \$218.45 (GST exclusive) on hire cars.
2. The use of hire cars are assessed on a needs basis and are subject to the same value of money considerations as are all other travel undertaken by agency employees.