

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 147

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division

**Topic:** Portfolio Wide – Hire Cars

**Hansard Page:** N/A

**Question Date:** 27 November 2013

**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- 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:**

***Department of the Environment***

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$21,709 (GST inclusive)

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Australian Antarctic Division	3,969
Biodiversity Conservation Division	4,117
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	1,396
Corporate Strategies Division	165
Environment Quality Division	818
Environmental Assessment and Compliance	5,451
Executive Division	0
Office of Water Science	0
Parks Australia	1,457
Policy and Communications Division	0
Supervising Scientist Division	1,347
Sustainability Policy and Analysis Division	0
Water Efficiency Division	936
Water Reform Division	609
Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division	1,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,709</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

**Director of National Parks**

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$13,596 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Parks Operations and Tourism Branch	13,749
Parks Business and Policy Branch	1,207
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,956</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$5,678 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Chairman's Office	291
Strategic Policy and Reef Stewardship	1,970
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use	482
Great Barrier Reef Operations	2,935
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,678</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

**Bureau of Meteorology**

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$40,856 (GST inclusive)

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Climate and Water	3,053
Corporate	2,785
Research and Systems	27,047
Weather Services	7,971
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,856</b>

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and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

**Sydney Harbour Federation Trust**

- a) Nil.
- b) Nil.



### ***Clean Energy Regulator***

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$1,444 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Renewables and Carbon Farming	572
Reporting and Carbon Markets	845
Delivery	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,444</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

### ***Climate Change Authority***

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 was \$105 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Corporate Services	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

### ***National Water Commission***

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 was \$782 (GST inclusive)
- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.

### ***Murray-Darling Basin Authority***

- a) Total expenditure for hire cars from 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$7,504 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
River Management	1,616
Environmental Management	1,466
Policy and Planning	2,979
Corporate Services	1,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,504</b>

- b) Hire cars are used for business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.