

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0087_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hire Cars

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

The Department of Employment was established on 18 September 2013. Previously the functions were delivered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

For the period 7 September to 17 September the total expense of hire cars for DEEWR was \$0.

For the period 17 September to 30 November 2013, the answer refers to the Department of Employment¹ and the Corporate and State Network which is shared with the Department of Education.

The total expense of hire cars was \$34,863.32.

A breakdown by each Business Group is not readily available.

Hire cars are utilised where such hire provides the most economical and practical method of undertaking departmental business.

¹. Corporate and the State Office Network provide services to the Department of Employment and the Department of Education. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.