

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 160

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Corporate Cars

Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):

- a) How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?
- b) Where is the car/s located?
- c) What is the car/s used for?
- d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?
- e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Four agencies within the portfolio own corporate cars and their responses are as follow:

Attorney-General Department

- a) AGD owns and maintains a small fleet of civilian VIP protected vehicles. For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose the quantity of those vehicles. For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information. These vehicles provide for the protected carriage of certain Australian High Office Holders, visiting foreign dignitaries and other internally protected persons as required. The total cost for the vehicles this financial year is \$34,044. For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information. **Australian Federal Police**
- a) 368
- b) 246: International Deployment Group (Australia, Asia, Solomon Is, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Vanuatu, Timor, Tonga, Norfolk Is Cocos Is, Christmas Is Cyprus, Sudan)
49: ACT
61: International Network
4: NSW
4: VIC
4: NT
- c) Forensic Services, Learning and Development, Close Personal Protection Training, Close Personal Protection, Technical Operations, Communications, People Strategies, Property Officer, Special Response and Training, International Deployment Group and International Network.
- d) Of the 368 owned vehicles, Fringe benefits Tax (FBT) was paid on 68. Total FBT paid on these vehicles was \$186,917.02. By location, this is broken up as:
 - \$12,576.39 : International Deployment Group
 - \$25,529.79 : ACT
 - \$148,810.84 : International Network

Please note that it is impractical to gather information on other costs of these vehicles, such as petrol and servicing.

- e) Of the 368 owned vehicles, information is available on 209 vehicles which may be subject to fringe benefits tax (FBT). Vehicles which are not subject to FBT include some which are posted to tax exempt locations through the International Deployment Group, and vehicles which are otherwise exempt from FBT.

Total Kilometres travelled by these vehicles was 1,693,312. This is an average of 8,102 per vehicle.

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Australian Crime Commission

- a) 11
- b) Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.
- c) Operations
- d) \$2,862
- e) On Average each vehicle has travelled 25,620 km as of YTD April 2012

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a)-e) The vehicles owned by ASIO are for operational purposes. For national security reasons, the number and costs cannot be provided.