

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

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 114**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

**Corporate Cars**

- 1) Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):
  - a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
  - 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?
- 2) For 2011-12:
  - a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
  - b) Where is the car/s located?
  - c) What is the car/s used for?
  - d) What was the cost of each car?
  - e) How far did each car travel?

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

**Attorney-General Department**

**Corporate Cars (VIP protected vehicles)**

- 1) Response for 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012:
  - 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.
  - b) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.
  - c) These vehicles provide for the protected carriage of certain Australian High Office Holders, visiting foreign dignitaries and other internally protected persons as required.
  - d) The total cost for the armoured vehicles between 1 July 2012 and 30 September 2012 were \$19,048.
  - e) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.
- 2) Response for 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012:
  - 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.

- b) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.
- c) These vehicles provide for the protected carriage of certain Australian High Office Holders, visiting foreign dignitaries and other internally protected persons as required.
- d) The total cost for the armoured vehicles between 1 May 2012 and 30 June 2012 were \$26,658.
- e) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.

### **Federal Court of Australia**

- 1) Provide answer for 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 (period 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 will be captured in part 2 below).
  - a) Nil
  - b) Nil
  - c) Nil
  - d) Nil
  - e) Nil
- 2) Provide answer for 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 (AGD will reference the previous replies that cover 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012)
  - a) Nil
  - b) Nil
  - c) Nil
  - d) Nil
  - e) Nil

### **Australian Law Reform Commission**

This is a NIL response. The ALRC does not own any corporate cars.

### **Family Court of Australia**

NIL response to all, the Family Court of Australia does not own any corporate cars (consistent with QON 160 from May 24 2012).

### **Federal Magistrates Court of Australia**

NIL response to all, the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia does not own any corporate cars (consistent with QON 160 from May 24 2012).

### **ASIO**

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

### **Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions**

- 1) N/A
- 2) N/A

### **CrimTrac**

1)

- a) Nil
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A
- e) N/A

2)

- a) Nil
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A
- e) N/A

#### **Australian Institute of Criminology**

1)

- a) N/A – the AIC does not have any corporate cars.
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A

2)

- a) N/A – the AIC does not have any corporate cars.
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A

#### **Australian Human Rights Commission**

1)

Provide answer for 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 (period 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 will be captured in part 2 below).

- a) Nil
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A
- e) N/A

2)

Provide answer for 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 (AGD will reference the previous replies that cover 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012)

- a) Nil
- b) N/A

- c) N/A
- d) N/A
- e) N/A

## **Office of the Australian Information Commissioner**

- 1) Nil
- 2) Nil

## **Australian Federal Police**

1) Since last budget estimates (24 May 2012) to 30 September 2012 the following movements have occurred in AFP owned vehicles:

- a) 14 Vehicles Purchased  
4 Vehicles Disposed
- b) **Purchased Vehicles:**
  - 3: International Network
  - 5: ACT
  - 2: Victoria
  - 1: New South Wales
  - 1: Western Australia
  - 2: International Deployment Group (Tonga)**Disposed Vehicles:**
  - 4: International Deployment Group (Solomon Islands)
- c) **Purchased Vehicles:**

Operational vehicles for; International Network, ACT  
Community Policing, International Deployment Group and  
Technical Operations.

**Disposed Vehicles:**

International Deployment Group (mission vehicles in the  
Solomon Islands)

d) **Acquired Vehicles:**

Vehicle	Running Costs May – 30 Sept 2012	Vehicle Location
1	\$ 400.00	International
2	\$ 2,135.92	International
3	\$ 481.50	International
4	\$ 1,072.10	ACT
5	\$ 1,072.10	ACT
6	\$ 1,596.78	ACT
7	\$ 1,701.75	IDG
8	\$ 1,430.00	IDG
9	\$ 1,086.83	WA
10	\$ 1,321.05	NSW
11	\$ 1,086.83	ACT
12	\$ 1,086.83	ACT
13	\$ 2,262.79	VIC
14	\$ 2,003.92	VIC

**Disposed Vehicles:**

Vehicle	Running Costs May – 30 Sept 2012	Vehicle Location
1	\$ 1,565.88	IDG
2	\$ 1,565.88	IDG
3	\$ 626.35	IDG
4	\$ 1,565.88	IDG

e) **Acquired Vehicles:**

Vehicle	Kilometres Travelled May – 30 Sept 2012	Vehicle Location
1	2,085	International
2	7,077	International
3	2,385	International
4	Unknown	ACT
5	Unknown	ACT
6	Unknown	ACT
7	3,909	IDG
8	2,970	IDG
9	Unknown	WA
10	Unknown	NSW
11	Unknown	ACT
12	Unknown	ACT
13	2,944	VIC
14	4,956	VIC

Please note; Due to the nature of some of these vehicles, it is not

feasible to gather up to date odometer readings to calculate the kilometres travelled by the vehicle.

**Disposed Vehicles:**

Vehicle	Kilometres Travelled Since 1 April 2012*	Vehicle Location
1	38,418	IDG
2	3,241	IDG
3	11,909	IDG
4	1,190	IDG

\*The data provide in this table was collected from odometer readings from 1 April 2012 until their disposal.

2)For 2011-12:

- a) 407 Vehicles were owned by the AFP during the 2011-12 financial year.
- b) 271: International Deployment Group (Locations including Australia, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Nauru, Tonga, Norfolk Is, Cocos Is and Christmas Is)  
52: ACT  
60: International Network  
10: NSW  
7: Victoria  
4: WA  
2: Queensland  
1: SA
- c) International Deployment Group, International Network, Forensic Services, Learning and Development, Close Personal Protection, Technical Operations, Specialist Response Group and Communications.
- d) Please note that it is impractical to gather the detailed data relating to the running cost of each vehicle in the short time frame due to their locations and operational requirements of the AFP.
- e) Information on the average number of kilometres travelled by each vehicle is available for 209 of the 407 vehicles. These 209 vehicles were subject to FBT in the 2011-12 FBT year (1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012).

The total kilometres travelled by these vehicles were 1,693,312. This is an average of 8,102 per vehicle.

Please note that vehicles which are not subject to FBT are those held in tax exempt locations by the International Deployment Group, as

well as commercial vehicles. This provides explanation as to why information on the average number of kilometres travelled is only available for 209 vehicles.

### **Australian Government Solicitors**

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the Public Service Act 1999. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

### **National Native Title Tribunal**

Please note: From 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal is no longer a *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation.

- 1) Please refer to the Federal Court's response
- 2) National Native Title submits a nil response, consistent with previous responses.

### **Customs and Border Protection**

*Please also refer to Table 1 (below)*

- 1) Provide answer for 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 (period 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 will be captured in part 2 below).
  - a) Customs and Border Protection owns 15 cars in total.
  - b) Cars are located in Sydney, Brisbane, Thursday Island, and the Solomon Islands.
  - c) Cars are used for Customs and Border Protection operational purposes. Further details are provided in Table 1.
  - d) The total cost of each car for this financial year to date (30 September 2012) is provided in Table 1. The average YTD operating cost per car for the period 1 July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 is approximately \$4,452.
  - e) The distance that each car travelled this financial year to date (30 September 2012) is provided in Table 1. The average YTD distance travelled per car for the period 1 July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 is approximately 1,704km.
- 2) Provide answer for 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 (AGD will reference the previous replies that cover 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012)
  - a) Customs and Border Protection owned 14 cars in total.
  - b) Cars were located in Sydney, Brisbane, Thursday Island and the Solomon Islands.
  - c) Cars were used for Customs and Border Protection operational purposes. Further details are provided in Table 1.

- d) The total cost of each car for the 2011-12 financial is provided in Table 1. average YTD operating cost per car for the period 1 May 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is approximately \$1,041.
- e) The total distance travelled by each car in the 2011-12 financial is provided in Table 1. The average YTD distance travelled per car for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is approximately 1,418km.



**Customs and Border Protection Table 1**

		Period from 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012		Period from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012	
Car Location	What is the car used for	Cost of each car YTD	YTD Kilometres travelled by each car	Cost of each car YTD	YTD Kilometres travelled by each car
Sydney, NSW	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 430	2,238	\$ 166	1,438
Sydney, NSW	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 2,343	2,433	\$ 520	2,152
Sydney, NSW	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 484	2,984	\$ 691	4,256
Sydney, NSW	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 236	1,301	\$ 159	878
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 500	59	\$ 500	89
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 500	171	\$ 500	246
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 500	241	\$ 500	362
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 82	924	\$ 160	1,699
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 4,445	408	\$ 500	612
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 243	1,868	\$ 1,040	2,889
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$ 200	1,430	\$ 1,926	3,407

Brisbane, QLD	Operational and surveillance purpose	\$	-	\$ 58,287	2,085
Sydney, NSW	Pickup/drop off/transport of firearms from/to DGM ex airport, seaport, bonded stores, express freight depots	\$ 3,500	4606	\$ 875	1551
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For the transport of Customs and Border Protection officers in the Solomon Islands	\$ 237	1,300	\$ 246	1,950
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For transport of Customs and Border Protection officers in the Solomon Islands	\$ 1,918	1,300	\$ 712	1,950

**Average**

**\$ 1,041**

**1,418**

**\$ 4,452**

**1,704**

(Figures in RED are pro-rata estimates (vehicles are in remote locations))

## **Australian Crime Commission**

1)

Provide answer for 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 (period 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 will be captured in part 2 below).

- a) 11
- b) Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne
- c) Operations
- d) \$604 on average as at 30 September 2012
- e) 742km on average as at 30 September 2012

2)

Provide answer for 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012 (AGD will reference the previous replies that cover 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012)

- a) 11
- b) Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne
- c) Operations
- d) \$452 on average
- e) 503km on average