

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 and 15 February 2013

Question: E13-111

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Hire Cars

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date?
- b) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- c) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

- a) The cost for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 for hire cars for the Department of Health and Ageing, including statutory office holders (Aged Care Commissioner, National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme, the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration and Australian and New Zealand Therapeutic Product Agency) and portfolio agencies is \$190,578 (GST exclusive).

b) A breakdown for the Department/Agency's is as follows.

Department of Health and Ageing	Value
Department of Health and Ageing	\$43,880
Aged Care Commissioner	\$52
Office of Gene Technology Regulator	\$6,894
Therapeutic Goods Administration	\$26,063
Total	\$76,889

Portfolio agency	Value
Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency	\$76,356
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	\$2,275
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	\$2,772
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	\$17,223
Cancer Australia	\$114
Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	\$1,058
General Practice Education and Training	\$1,460
Health Workforce Australia	\$4,210
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	\$1,471
National Blood Authority	\$4,783
National Health and Medical Research Council	\$193
National Health Performance Authority	\$364
Private Health Insurance Administration Council	\$190
Professional Services Review	\$1,220

c) Hire cars are used for official purposes only e.g. for staff travelling on Departmental business and for travel relating to staff attendance at meetings, conferences and forums. Hire cars are also utilised for site visits including program/project management.