

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hire Cars

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

- a) The department spent \$126,582 on the hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014. The break down by business group is given below:

Business Group	Total
Executive and Audit	\$624
Service Delivery Transformation & Performance	\$14,920
Service Delivery Operations	\$49,840
Social Services	\$13,993
Enabling Services	\$34,968
Health and Information	\$4,092
Chief Information Officer	\$8,145
TOTAL	\$126,582

- b) Hire cars are used for official business purposes where it is more economical and efficient than maintaining a large fleet of vehicles. Hire cars are preferred, where available and in instances where it is less costly than taking a taxi or public transport is not an option (for example in rural and remote communities).