

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 129

Topic: Ministerial Motor Vehicle

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Has the Minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:
 - a. What is the make and model?
 - b. How much did it cost?
 - c. When was it provided?
 - d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
 - e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
 - f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
 - g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a Minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
 - h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
 - i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a Minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
 - j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

Answer:

1. Yes.
 - a) Ford Territory 4.0 RWD Automatic Petrol.
 - b) Monthly lease costs are \$993.07 (GST exclusive).
 - c) The lease was transferred to the Department on 18 September 2013.
 - d) The Department has paid for the vehicle lease costs since the date of transfer.
 - e) For the period 18 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 vehicle leased costs were \$5,266.43 and \$215.32 for fuel and miscellaneous costs.
 - f) Yes.
 - g) Guidelines regarding Ministers' entitlements to a motor vehicle are available on the Department of Finance website:
http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Print_Version.asp
 - h) Additional information about these guidelines should be sought from the Department of Finance.
 - i) Guidelines as to how a Minister is to use a motor vehicle including details on private vehicle use are available on the Department of Finance website:
http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Print_Version.asp
 - j) Additional information about these guidelines should be sought from the Department of Finance.