

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Corporate Cars

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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

- a) Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):
- b) How many cars are owned or leased by each department and agency in your portfolio? 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?

Answer:

- a) There have been no changes since the response to Question on Notice HSW 60 following the February 2012 Additional Estimates hearing regarding vehicles owned by the Department of Human Services.
- b) The Department of Human Services does not own any vehicles. The department accesses all vehicles required for operational use through leases via the whole of government Fleet Management Arrangement. The department is currently leasing 853 vehicles, which are located at office and customer service-related sites throughout Australia.
- c) Departmental staff are required to travel within communities and between sites to deliver a wide range of services to citizens through Centrelink, Medicare Australia, Child Support and CRS Australia Programs, and services that provide support to staff delivering those programs.*
- d) The average lease cost per vehicle for the financial year to 22 June 2012 (excluding fuel) is \$9,090.96.*
- e) The average distance travelled per vehicle for the financial year to 22 June 2012 is 17,145 kilometres.*

* The manual investigation required to answer parts (c) to (e) specifically in relation to each of the 853 leased vehicles would represent an unreasonable diversion of Commonwealth resources.