

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hire Cars

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Question:

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February 2014 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 \$174,669 on the hire cars from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014. The breakdown by business group is given below:

Business Group	Total (\$)
Executive and Audit	645
Service Delivery Transformation	16,282
Service Delivery Operations	77,763
Social Services	19,961
Enabling Services	54,991
Chief Information Officer Group	5,027
TOTAL	174,669

- 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).