

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Hire Cars

**Question reference number:** HS 37

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 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 a total of \$159,702 on hire cars from 7 September to 30 November 2013. The breakdown by business group is given below:

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
Executive and Audit	\$1,464
Service Delivery Transformation & Performance	\$15,530
Service Delivery Operations	\$54,296
Participation Families and Older Australians	\$10,982
Enabling Services	\$41,283
Rehabilitation and Compliance	\$22,867
Chief Information Officer Group	\$13,280
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$159,702</b>

- 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 (e.g. in rural and remote communities).