

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Corporate Cars

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
 - 1) Where are the cars located?
 - 2) What are the cars used for?
 - 3) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
 - 4) How far did each car travel during the specified period?
- b) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?
 - 1) Where are the cars located?
 - 2) What are the cars used for?
 - 3) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
 - 4) How far did each car travel during the specified period?

Answer:

- a) 1) to 4) The Department of Human Services (DHS) does not own any vehicles.
- b) All vehicles required for DHS operational use are accessed through leases via the whole of government Fleet Management Arrangement.

DHS, as at 31 October 2014, leased 1,003 vehicles, of which 817 vehicles were for its own use and 186 vehicles for use by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) under a Shared Services arrangement.

These totals do not include Executive Vehicle Scheme vehicles, which are provided to Senior Executive Service officers as a remuneration option. While the leases are established by DHS, the leasing relationship is between the officer and the vehicle provider. All lease, running and taxation costs are met from the officer's remuneration.

- 1) The vehicles are located at office and customer service-related sites throughout Australia.

- 2) DHS staff are required to travel within communities and between sites to deliver a wide range of services to citizens through Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support, and CRS Australia programmes, and services that provide support to staff delivering those programs.

PM&C staff are required to travel within communities and between sites to deliver a wide range of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Australia.

- 3) The average lease cost per DHS-utilised vehicle from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 (excluding fuel) was approximately \$3,385 per vehicle.

The average lease cost per PM&C-utilised vehicle from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 was approximately \$7,285 per vehicle.

- 4) The average distance travelled per DHS-utilised vehicle from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 was approximately 5,891 kilometres.

The average distance travelled per PM&C-utilised vehicle from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 was approximately 6,870 kilometres.