

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 130

Topic: Hire cars

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their Minister or Minister's Office?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

1. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014, the Department's expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) was \$69,147 (GST exclusive). It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Departmental resources.
2. Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.
3. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014, the Department did not incur any expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) for the Minister or Minister's Office.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

1. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014, the Quality Agency's expenditure on hire cars (i.e. self-drive rental cars) was \$32,867 (GST exclusive). The Quality Agency does not have business groups.
2. Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.
3. Nil

Australian Institute of Family Studies

1. For the period 30 June 2014 to 31 August 2014, the Agency's expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) was \$ 1,848 (GST exclusive). It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Agency resources.

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3. Nil

National Disability Insurance Agency

1. For the period 1 June to 31 August 2014, the National Disability Insurance Agency's expenditure on hire cars (i.e. self-drive rental cars) was \$15,468 (GST exclusive).

A breakdown by business group is:

a) National Office Management	\$12,673
b) Regional Operations	\$2,795

2. Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.

3. Nil

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

1. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014, the Agency's expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) was \$660.64 (GST exclusive). It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Agency resources.

2. Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.

3. Nil