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Communications Portfolio
NBN Co Limited

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Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hire Cars

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

1. Hire cars within NBN Co refers to rental cars from companies such as Avis or Hertz where the cost of taxi fares would (for each day of the proposed hire) exceed the cost of a hire car. The values below are for the period of 1 November 2013¹ to 28 February 2014 and exclude fuel costs.

Cost Centre	Rental cars
	Nov13 - Feb14 2013/14
Chief Operating Officer (C11000)	85,143
Product & Sales (C31000)	853
Chief Executive Office (C61000)	82
Technology Organisation (C62000)	1,272
Strategy & Transformation (C64125)	293
Corporate - (C64000)	8,934
Communications (C71000)	8,490
NBN Board (C99000)	1,437
Total	106,503

2. NBN Co employees use rental cars to travel predominately from airports to NBN Co construction sites or travel between their home, office and NBN Co construction sites where air travel is not available. The use of rental cars is preferred when the equivalent cost by other means of transport (e.g. taxi) is prohibitive.

¹ Hire car expenditure from 1 November 2013 has been disclosed in order to align with the NBN Co Limited month end process