

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 142
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Ministerial Motor Vehicle
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Question Date: 19 February 2016
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:
 - a) What is the make and model?
 - b) How much did it cost?
 - c) When was it provided?
 - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
 - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
 - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
 - g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
 - h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.
 - i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
 - j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.

Answer:

No. Minister Hunt has not been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle.

Minister Briggs, in his capacity as Minister for Cities and the Built Environment, had access to a Holden Calais Sportwagon. Information on the cost of the vehicle is held by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

Guidelines which govern the use of motor vehicles are managed by the Department of Finance in accordance with Part 5 of the Ministers of State Entitlements Handbook and relevant Determinations of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Questions on the guidelines would need to be referred to the Department of Finance.