

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

Question No: 162
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Hire cars
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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. 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 the Environment

1. The Department spent \$30,925 (GST inclusive) from 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Australian Antarctic Division	6,316
Biodiversity Conservation Division	4,011
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	5,626
Corporate Strategies Division	1,316
Emissions Reduction Fund Division	629
Parks Australia Division	458
Cities & Built Environment Taskforce	60
Environment Standards Division	8,180
Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division	2,355
Water Division	192
Science Division	1,782
Total	30,925

2. As per the Department's policy to use resources effectively and efficiently, hire cars are used for official business when taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Nil.

Australian Renewable Energy Agency

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. The Bureau spent \$48,960 (GST inclusive) from 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Corporate Services Division	2,801
Observations and Infrastructure Division	25,800
Information Systems and Services Division	532
Environment and Research Division	3,136
Hazards Warnings and Forecasts Division	16,691
Total	48,960

2. Hire cars are used for official business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Not applicable.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation

1. The Corporation spent \$2,053 (GST inclusive) from 15 September 2015 to 19 February 2016.

Business Group	Amount \$
Board	-
Executive	271
Non-Executive	1,782
Total	2,053

2. This answer is unchanged since the question was last asked of the CEFC in the Senate Economics Legislation Committee at Question 2215 of 2014-15 Budget Estimates.
3. Not applicable.

Clean Energy Regulator

1. The Regulator spent \$2,427 (GST inclusive) from 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Scheme Entry & Entitlement	1,038
Regulatory Obligation & Coordination	106
Business Operations	1,283
Office of the CEO	-
Office of the General Counsel	-
Total	2,427

2. Hire cars are used for official business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Not applicable.

Climate Change Authority

1. The Authority spent \$1,469 (GST inclusive) from 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Climate Change Authority	1,469
Total	1,469

2. Hire cars are used for official business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Not Applicable.

Director of National Parks

1. The Director spent \$28,034 (GST inclusive) from 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Branch	3,614
DNP Executive	2,122
Island & Biodiversity Science Branch	3,328
Joint Management Branch	16,315
Parks Executive Branch	2,655
Total	28,034

2. Hire cars are used for official business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Not applicable.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. The Authority spent \$3,566.32 (GST inclusive) from 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Business Group	Amount \$
Chairman Office	-
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Branch	207
Great Barrier Reef Operations Branch	1,996
Policy and Stewardship Branch	1,363
Total	3,566

2. Hire cars are used for official business purposes where taxis and public transport are not cost effective or unable to meet business requirements.
3. Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Not applicable.