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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications

Question No: 667

Program No. Corporate and Business

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hire Cars

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on hire cars from 25 February 2014 to date? Please provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

1. For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, total departmental expense on hire cars was \$694.17 (GST excl). The Department does not record hire car expense data in a way that would readily allow individual business groups to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. The use of hire cars is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as all other travel undertaken by departmental staff.