

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Hire cars

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-51

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

- 1-2. The Department's expenditure on hire cars for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 was \$89,182 (GST inclusive). Travel by hire car is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the effective, efficient, ethical and economical use of resources. To provide a breakdown of hire car costs by business group would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
3. The Department's expenditure on hire cars for the Ministers and the Ministers' offices for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 was \$35,823 (GST exclusive).