

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: AET 842-844

Topic: Hire Cars

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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

842. 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.

843. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

844. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

842. From 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$43,956 (GST exclusive) on hire cars.

The details of expenditure by business area is provided below:

ATO Business Groups	1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 (\$ GST exclusive)
Client Engagement	14,876
People, Systems and Services*	28,231
Law Design and Practice	241
Tax Practitioners Board	498
Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission	110
Total	43,956

* People, Systems and Services incurs hire car expenses on behalf of other ATO business areas where fleet vehicles are not available and hire cars are organised as an alternative means of travel.

843. The ATO utilises short-term vehicle hire contracts as an alternative source of transport, where fleet vehicles are not available, and it is more cost effective than other forms of transport.

844. The ATO does not pay for hire cars for the minister or the minister's office.