

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

5 June 2013

Question: BET 1075

Topic: Hire Cars (ATO)

Written

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1075. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

1075. Hire cars are utilised by ATO employees when fleet cars are unavailable.

From 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 the ATO (including, Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$147,069 (excluding GST) on hire cars.

The details of expenditure, by business area, are provided in the table below:

Business Area	2012-13 to 31 May 2013 (\$)
ATO Finance*	81,983
ATO People	1,095
Australian Valuation Office	13,567
Business Reporting and Registration	769
Business Solutions	77
Client Account Services	1,985
Compliance Support and Capability	447
Corporate Relations	3,215
Customer Service & Solutions	2,463
Debt	1,019
Indirect Tax	4,086
Information & Communications Technology	9,263
Large Business and International	1,563
Law & Practice	485
Micro Enterprises and Individuals	6,448
Office of the Chief Knowledge Officer	69
Office of the Commissioners	167
Operations Support & Capability	591
Serious Non-Compliance	11,185
Small & Medium Enterprises	1,206
Tax Practitioner & Lodgement Strategy	5,386
Total	147,069

* ATO Finance 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.

- a. The ATO has a short-term hire vehicle contract for business use that provides the same terms as for fleet vehicles. These cars are used when it is cost efficient to do so. For example, travel to and from an airport where it is more cost effective than taxis, interstate travel or when a fleet vehicle is not available.