

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Hire Cars

**REFERENCE:** Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** BI-135

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**ANSWER**

The Department's expenditure on hire cars for the period 28 February to 30 June 2014 was approximately \$89,976 (GST exclusive). Travel by hire car is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the effective, efficient, ethical and economical use of resources. A breakdown of hire costs by business group would involve a significant diversion of departmental and agency resources.