

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Question: BET 2215

Topic: Hire Cars

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Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2215. 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.

a) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

2215.

Board	\$ 138.75
Executive	\$ 305.50
Non-Executive	\$ 92.75

Total	\$ 537.00

a). The CEFC typically engages hire cars for the following reasons:

- The CEFC is primarily based in Sydney & Brisbane and services the country nationally from these offices.
- The CEFC does not own, lease or operate a corporate fleet of vehicles.
- The CEFC does not offer any car parks to staff.
- The CEFC does not pay an allowance for vehicle purchase or leasing.
- Unsuitability or unavailability of public transport (including taxis), due to scheduling, route, safety, expense or other reasons.
- In many instances, hire car services are a more effective use of funds that enables staff members to be more productive than if they were waiting for scheduled public transport services between meetings.
- Efficiencies in travelling as a group, rather than having separate pick-up and drop off from individual taxis.
- Tight schedules between engagements and/or a requirement to have driver pick up luggage while hirer is engaged in other work.