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Question: SBE 729

Topic: Hire cars (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

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- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

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- a) From 7 September to 30 November 2013 the ATO (including Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$37,190 (excluding GST) on hire cars.

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

Table 1: Car Hire by Business Group – 7 September to 30 November 2013

Business Area	7 September to 30 November 2013 (\$)
Compliance	10,336
People, Systems and Services*	20,402
Law Design and Practice	138
Australian Valuation Office	5,631
Tax Practitioners Board	683
Total	37,190

* 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

- b) 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.