AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Hire cars

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: SI-173

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. 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.
   a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
2. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

ANSWER

1. The Department’s expenditure on hire cars for the period 1 July to 31 October 2014 was $66,715 (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 resources.

2. The Department’s expenditure on hire cars for the Minister and his office for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 is $27,753 (GST exclusive).