

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry Portfolio  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15  
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**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).