

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**Department/Agency: ATO**

**Question: SBT 1939-1941**

**Topic: Hire Cars**

**Reference: written - 31 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1939. 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.
1940. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
1941. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

1939. From 1 June to 31 October 2014, the ATO (including Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$43,171 (GST exclusive) on hire cars.

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

<b>Business Area</b>	<b>1 June to 31 October 2014* \$ (GST exclusive)</b>
Compliance	14,546
People, Systems and Services*	26,299
Law Design and Practice	480
Australian Valuation Office	656
Tax Practitioners Board	1,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,171</b>

\* 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.

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1940. The ATO has a short-term vehicle hire contract that provides an alternative source of transport to fleet vehicles. These cars are used when there is either no access to a fleet vehicle (such as in some regional sites) or it is more cost effective than other forms of transport.
1941. The ATO does not provide hire cars for the minister or minister's office.