

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: SBT569-571

Topic: Hire Cars

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 569. 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.
- 570. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
- 571. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

- 569. The cost of hire cars for the period of 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 was \$117,127 (excluding GST).
- 570. Hire cars are used predominantly in the effective delivery of the Household Surveys and the Prices Programmes, this includes travel to remote areas. All hire car travel is incurred for business purposes and is undertaken on the basis of efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of relevant money.
- 571. Nil.