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Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 272-274 Topic: Ministerial Car

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Ministerial car

Since 1 January 2015:

- 272. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:
 - a) What is the make and model?
 - b) How much did it cost?
 - c) When was it provided?
 - d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
 - e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
 - f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
- 273. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
 - a) Have these guidelines changed since Budget Estimates in June, 2015? If so, please detail.
- 274. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
 - a). Have these guidelines changed since Budget Estimates in June, 2015? If so, please detail.

Answer:

- **272.** The Minister the Hon. Alex Hawke MP Assistant Minister to the Treasurer:
 - a) Holden 2013 Cruze.
 - **b)** The monthly lease rental cost is \$587.82.
 - **c)** 17 September 2015.
 - d) Yes.
 - e) The ongoing costs for leasing, insurance, maintenance and fuel have been \$1,693.45 for the period September and October 2015.
 - f) Yes

The Minister the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer MP Minister for Small Business & Assistant Treasurer:

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- a) Ford 2015 Territory.
- **b)** The monthly lease rental cost is \$1,540.83.
- c) 11 August 2015.
- d) Yes.
- **e**) The ongoing costs for leasing, insurance, maintenance and fuel have been \$5,247.46 for the period August, September and October 2015.
- f) Yes
- **273. a)** Members are entitled to a vehicle as outlined in the Department of Finance Ministerial and Parliamentary Services' Senators and Members' Entitlement Handbook. The Guidelines were last modified on 9 October 2015. Refer to the Department of Finance, Ministerial and Parliamentary Services' website for further details.
- **274. a)** Refer above.