

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000272

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Ministerial Motor vehicle

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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?
 - (g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
 - (h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.
 - (i) 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.
 - (j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.

Answer

1. The Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP was provided with a leased motor vehicle.
 - a. Holden Calais V.
 - b. N/A – leased vehicle
 - c. The vehicle was provided on 2 October 2015 which is the date the car was transferred from the Department of Employment to the Department of Education and Training. Minister Hartsuyker was appointed to the role of Minister for Vocational Education and Skills on 21 September 2015.
 - d. The vehicle is a lease vehicle and the costs were met by the department.
 - e. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the lease costs were \$4965.20.
 - f. Costs at e) were met by the department.
 - g. The guidelines, which address the costs and use of ministerial vehicles, are published on the Department of Finance internet site and are available via the following link: http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel_-_4.4_Car_Transport.asp
 - h. No changes to the guidelines.
 - i. Refer to g above.
 - j. No changes to the guidelines.