

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000334

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hire cars

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

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

Answer

From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Department of Employment spent \$7,527.10 on hire cars, excluding Comcar.

A breakdown for each business group is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to generate.

Hire cars are utilised where they provide the most economical and practical method of undertaking departmental business, such as when usage is high enough to be more cost effective than taxis, but not high enough to make leasing or purchase economically viable.

From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, there was no expenditure by the Department on hire car costs for the Minister or the Minister's office, excluding Comcar.