

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM1232_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hire Cars

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

1. For the period 1 July to 31 October 2014, the Department of Employment spent \$18,068.38 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.

2. 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.

3. For the period 1 July to 31 October 2014, there was no expenditure by the department on hire car costs for the Minister or the Minister's office, excluding Comcar.