

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Finance Portfolio
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Topic: Ministerial staff vehicles – SMOS response

Senator: Ludwig
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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015, could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all ministers:

Have any Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:

1. What is the make and model?
2. How much did it cost?
3. When was it provided?
4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.
8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.
9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail

Answer:

1. to 6. See Attachment A.
7. and 9. See clause 29 of the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012-2015* at:
(http://maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/2012-2015/Remuneration.html#Twenty-nine) and
http://maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/Guidelines/Private-Plated_Vehicles.html
8. and 10. No.

F112 Attachment A – Ministerial Staff Vehicles
Part 1-6

1) Make and model	2) Current monthly lease cost (excl GST)	3) Date provided to staff member	4) Costs met by Dept?	5) Other ongoing costs - fuel, maintenance, insurance etc since provision of the vehicle up to 9 February 2016*	6) Costs met by Dept?
Holden Calais	\$1,153.45	17/12/15	Yes	Nil	Yes
Holden Calais	\$1,134.12	1/12/15-22/1/16	Yes	Nil	Yes
Ford Territory	\$992.00	22/1/16	Yes	Nil	Yes
Ford Territory	\$1,018.48	11/12/15	Yes	Nil	Yes
Holden Commodore S/Wagon	\$1,007.01	11/12/15	Yes	\$414.87	Yes
Ford Kuga	\$1,046.76	9/11/15	Yes	Nil	Yes
Holden Calais	\$943.62	13/10/15	Yes	\$97.82	Yes
Ford Territory	\$1,065.42	27/11/15	Yes	\$785.45	Yes

*Note - costs in response to 5) are paid in arrears, invoices for these expenses may not have been received and paid before 9 February in respect of all vehicles.