

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Hire cars**  
Question: **195**  
Written: **Senator Ludwig**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016**

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**

1. The department spent \$4,077.66 (excluding GST) on hire cars, including petrol costs.

Parliamentary Recording & Reporting	\$4,014.97
ICT Infrastructure & Services	\$ 62.69

2. Hire car costs are incurred for official travel activities, such as interstate committee hearings, when transporting employees and/or support equipment where hire cars are the most cost effective method for the travel.
3. Nil.