

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-14

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Finance
Outcome/Program: 3/3.1
Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? 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 this entitlement to a motor vehicle.
- h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.
- i) 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.
- j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.

Answer:

Responses to questions (a) through (f) are at Attachment A for the period 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014.

g) Section 29 of the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012-2015* (the Enterprise Agreement) relates to the provision of a Private-Plated Vehicles.

h) The Enterprise Agreement can be found at http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/2012-2015/index.html and the relevant Enterprise Agreement guideline, *Private-Plated Vehicles*, can be found at http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/Guidelines/Private-Plated_Vehicles.html.

- i) No.
- j) See response to (g).
- k) No.

Attachment A
Part (a) – (f) QON F176

Office	a) Make	a) Model	b) Current monthly lease cost (excl GST)	c) Date provided to staff member	d) Costs met by Dept?	e) Other ongoing costs from 25 February to 31 May 2014*	f) Costs met by Dept?
Truss	Ford	Falcon	\$1,077.78	24/3/2014	Yes	\$223.97	Yes
Sinodinos	Ford	Territory	\$896.14	16/5/2014	Yes	\$73.89	Yes

*Note - costs in response to e) are paid in arrears, invoices for these expenses may not have been received and paid before 31 May in respect of all vehicles.