

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Ministerial motor vehicle

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle 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 if a minister is entitled 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 minister is to use a motor vehicle 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.

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Answer:

The Department has not provided any motor vehicles to the Prime Minister.

The only Minister in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio who has been provided by the Department with a Canberra based privately plated vehicle is Senator Scullion.

Details are:

- a. make and model: Ford Territory
- b. cost: \$920.88 per month paid by the Department
- c. December 2013
- d. yes
- e. ongoing costs (exclusive of GST) for the period 1 December to 31 May 2014 were:
 - a. fuel \$377.07
 - b. lease hire \$5,195.52
 - c. other \$50.00
- f. yes
- g. see the parts 1.1 and 4.4 of the Ministers of State Entitlements Handbook on the Department of Finance website
http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Ministers_of_State_Entitlements.asp
- h. issue of these guidelines is a matter for the Department of Finance
- i. see g above
- j. see h above

Please note: This answer corrects the earlier response to PM 326 lodged on 11 July 2014 and PM 187 from the 2014 February Additional Estimates hearing.