

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Ministerial Staff Vehicles

Senator: Senator Ludwig

Question reference number: 328

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

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Question:

- (1) Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? 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.

Answer:

- (1) The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio agencies.