

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

a) The Department has spent \$19,700 on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. The Department does not record hire car expenses in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of the business groups associated with these costs.

b) Cars are hired to enable officials to conduct business activities away from their principal office where public transport is not readily available, particularly in remote locations where officers from the Indigenous Affairs Group operate. Car hire is approved by the appropriate delegate as representing best value for money.