

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Hire cars

Senator: 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 Australian Public Service Commission's spend on hire cars was estimated to be \$8,285 (exclusive of GST) from 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014. A breakdown of business areas spending is displayed below:

Strategic Centre for Leadership, Learning and Development	\$1,320
Employment Policy and Participation	\$2,180
Corporate and Executive	\$38
Workplace Relations	\$197
Client Engagement	\$4,549
TOTAL	\$8,284

- b) Vehicles are hired as ground transport on a best value for money basis i.e. as an alternative to public transport and taxi, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office.

Client Engagement Group hired two cars as ground transportation for security reasons while staff were on official business in Papua New Guinea.