

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Budget Estimates – May 2014**

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Hire cars

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 371

**Type of Question:** Written

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- 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 Office spent \$14,505 on hire cars from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014. Of the total, \$13,073 was for Executive and Protocol Branch and \$1,432 for Honours Branch.
- b) The expenditure related to COMCAR use in support of the Governor-General's program in locations where the Office has no car/driver, and for honours council members travelling to Government House for council meetings.