

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Group: 1

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question No. SBE14/084

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? 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.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The Attorney-General has not been provided with a motor vehicle by the department.

Since 31 May 2014, the Minister for Justice has been provided with two vehicles under leasing arrangements as the Minister's first vehicle reached its end of lease and was replaced with a new vehicle.

For the motor vehicle provided to the Minister for Justice for the period 29 May to 21 September 2014 the answers to questions a-j are:

- a) 2011 Ford Territory SZ

- b) Total Leaseplan costs were approximately \$1,100 per month.
- c) The department assumed responsibility for the lease of the vehicle from 17 September 2013.
- d) Since 17 September 2013, the total cost of the vehicle has been met by the department.
- e) Total Leaseplan costs were approximately \$1,100 per month.
- f) Since 17 September 2013, the total cost of the vehicle has been met by the department.
- g-j) This is a matter for the Department of Finance.

For the motor vehicle provided to the Minister for Justice for the period 22 September 2014 to 11 December 2014 the answers to questions a-j are:

- a) 2014 Holden Calais
- b) Total SGFleet costs are approximately \$1,274 per month.
- c) The vehicle was delivered on 22 September 2014.
- d) The total costs of the vehicle are met by the department.
- e) Total monthly SGFleet costs are approximately \$1,274 per month.
- f) The total costs of the vehicle are met by the department.
- g-j) This is a matter for the Department of Finance.