

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 123
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: Portfolio wide – corporate cars leased
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

How many cars are leased by each department/agency?

a) Where are the cars located?

b) What are the cars used for?

c) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?

d) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?

Answer:

The Department's and its Portfolio Agencies responses are attached.

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Department/Agency	Quantity	Location (a)	Usage (b)	Cost \$ (c) ¹	Mileage - km's (d)
Department of the Environment	9	Canberra	The vehicles are used by staff for official business during normal business hours.	2,388.54	873
				2,193.14	1,228
				2,241.12	1,005
				2,181.37	1,364
				641.40	1,131
				3,241.52	973
				1,447.05	757
				2,169.71	421
				1,798.96	2,758
	1	Perth		2,216.71	1,089
	4	Kingston, Tas		2,591.24	6,936
				3,721.35	4,763
				3,568.14	3,343
				1,792.18	985
2	Darwin, NT	1,691.94	239		
		1,598.77	424		
3	Jabiru, NT	1,901.31	1,927		
		1,631.94	1,691		
		3,561.75	3,951		
Director of National Parks (DNP)	4	Canberra	DNP has a mix of passenger and operational vehicles. Passenger vehicles are used by staff to undertake park business including attend meetings and park sites for visitor talks. Operational vehicles have been set up specifically to undertake management activities such as fire fighting or weed spraying.	8,540.31 ²	16,464 ³
	1	Kakadu National Park			

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National Water Commission (NWC)	1	Canberra	The vehicle forms part of the remuneration package for a Senior Executive Service employee and is for their sole use	No cost to the NWC as the vehicle is fully paid for (including FBT) from the employee's remuneration package.	3,645
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	1	Toowoomba, Qld	The car is used by the Director, Northern Basin to attend meetings, and provide transport for other meeting attendees, across the northern part of the Murray Darling Basin. This is part of his role of working with the community based Northern Basin Advisory Committee to ensure the Basin Plan is implemented in the northern Basin having regard to its particular features and differences to the southern Basin.	4,857.00	2,350
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	1	Rockhampton, Qld	Operational activities including field management compliance involving travel by staff within locations, between locations and to sites adjacent to GBRMPA.	3,894.96	6,717
	2	Mackay, Qld		3,076.64	3,097
				5,187.24	9,388
	5	Townsville, Qld		8,975.44	11,985
				4,176.36	6,078
				2,979.52	2,614
				2,979.52	3,039
				5,826.64	7,054

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	4	Cairns, Qld		5,090.84 3,588.32 5,927.64 7,301.28	3,090 5,459 6,447 4,992
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	14	Victoria	The cars are pool vehicles utilised for operational requirements	22,928.71	4
	7	South Australia		20,412.73	
	10	Western Australia		21,982.45	
	7	Northern Territory		14,552.18	
	11	Queensland		26,315.82	
	12	New South Wales		26,157.49	
	1	ACT		2,517.24	
	6	Tasmania		11,684.47	
Clean Energy Regulator	1	Canberra	The vehicles are used by staff for official business during normal business hours.	2,519.22	609
Climate Change Authority	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ Includes lease and operational costs of the vehicle during 1 November 2013 to 30 January 2014. Costs are inclusive of GST.

² Due to the size and remoteness of some DNP locations this is an estimation based on information returned.

³ Due to the size and remoteness of some DNP locations we are not able to access all vehicles logs, so this is an estimation based on the logs returned.

⁴ BOM's practice is to review all its cars log books at least annually for completion of its Fringe Benefits Taxation Return. This occurs at 31 March each calendar year and takes several weeks of normal operation to compile the data. Therefore to undertake a special reconciliation in order to answer this question would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.