SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING 19 FEBRUARY 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace Relations Policy and Analysis

Output 2.2.8: Interim Building Taskforce

Ouestion Number: W404-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

- (a) Are taskforce Officers provided with cars for their use during work hours?
- (b) Is each Taskforce officer provided with a car? If not, how many Taskforce officers are provided with cars for their use during work hours?
- (c) Are Taskforce officers entitled to use their cars outside of work hours, or for personal use?
- (d) What is the annual cost to the Department for the provision of cars for Taskforce officers?

Answer:

- (a) Yes
- (b) No. All Taskforce officers have access to cars for operational use during working hours.
- (c) With the exception of two SES officers, Taskforce officers are only entitled to use cars outside of work hours for departmental purposes, not for personal use.
- (d) From 1 October 2002 to 30 June 2003, \$119,730.96 was spent on car costs. From 1 July 2003 to 31 January 2004, \$110,961.91 was spent on car costs.