

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0329_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Ministerial Motor vehicle

1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:
2. What is the make and model?
3. How much did it cost?
4. When was it provided?
5. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
6. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle?
Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
7. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
8. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
9. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
10. 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.
11. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

Answer

Vehicles are provided in accordance with Ministers of State Entitlements. Guidelines are published on the Department of Finance website and are available at: http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel_-_4.4_Car_Transport.asp .

The guidelines have not changed since 7 September 2013.

The Minister for Education has not been provided a vehicle by the Department of Education.

The Assistant Minister for Education has been provided with a motor vehicle by the Department of Education. The vehicle is a Ford Territory which is leased under a monthly cost of \$1,102.31. The vehicle was provided on 18 September 2013.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education has been provided with a motor vehicle by the Department of Education. The vehicle is a Ford Territory which is leased under a monthly cost of \$974.03. The vehicle was provided on 18 September 2013.