

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 11-14 February 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Hire Cars

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 78

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 2 April 2013

**Number of pages:** 1

**Question:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer:**

1. The Department spent \$18,864 on hire cars between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2013. The Department does not record reasons for hire car costs in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of these figures. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. All hire car related expenditure is approved by the appropriate financial delegate. The Department does not record hire car expenses in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of the reasons for these costs. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.