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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: I mentioned that, Senator Faulkner. Could you provide a list of all positions and agencies that are entitled to use COMCAR.

Ms Moy: Yes.

CHAIR: I would like you to provide the details of the total costs of COMCAR's use in the last financial year by users other than members of the House of Representatives, senators, former prime ministers, former governors-generals [sic] and members of the federal judiciary.

Ms Moy: Yes, we can do that.

CHAIR: I am interested in the number of times COMCAR was used and the cost of each trip for each of the following positions in 2012-13: departmental secretaries; the Managing Director of the ABC; the CEO of Safe Work Australia; board members of the National Museum of Australia; and the Aboriginal Lands Commissioner. You can take that on notice.

Ms Moy: Yes, Senator.

Answer:

1. Refer to Attachment A for details of all positions and agencies who have a current COMCAR account.
2. Charges to the account holders listed in Attachment A for COMCAR reservations during the 2012-13 financial year totalled \$268,328.
3. Refer to Attachment B for the use of COMCAR in 2012-13 by the requested positions. To access and break the data down further would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

COMCAR ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Attachment A

The following table lists COMCAR account holders at 1 March 2014, excluding Senators and Members, former Prime Ministers, former Governors-General, members of the Federal Judiciary and accounts established by Commonwealth agencies for guest of government visits, events, or other specific purposes not related to an individual position or person. The list does not include positions that may be entitled to COMCAR where no account exists.

Account Holder
Aboriginal Lands Commissioner
Board Members - National Museum of Australia
Board Members - Navy Health Services
Chief Executive Officer - Australian Crime Commission
Chief Executive Officer - Australian Customs Service
Chief Executive Officer - Defence Materiel Organisation
Chief Executive Officer – ARPANSA
Chief Executive Officer - Safe Work Australia
Chair - Defence Abuse Response Taskforce
Chair of Council - National Health and Medical Research Council
Chairman - Australian Political Exchange Council
Chairman - Future Fund
Chief of Air Force
Chief of Army
Chief of Navy
Chief of the Defence Force
Chief Scientist of Australia
Commissioner for the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission
Commissioner of Taxation
Commissioners - Royal Commission – RCIRCSA
Defence Force Advocate
Director - Australian Institute of Family Studies
Director – ACAIR (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research)
Director-General - IP Australia
Director-General - National Archives of Australia
Director-General - Office of National Assessments
Director General - ASIS
Director-General – AusAID (account closed)
Director-General - National Australia Day Council
Director-General of Security
Executive Director - Australian Institute of Police Management (under Federal Police Act)
First Parliamentary Counsel - Office of Parliamentary Counsel
Her Excellency the Governor-General
Independent Reviewer of Adverse Security Assessments
Inspector-General of Taxation
Managing Director – ABC
Official Secretary to the Governor-General
President - Australian Human Rights Commission

COMCAR ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Attachment A

President - Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal
Public Service Commissioner
Secretary - Attorney-General's Department
Secretary - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Secretary - Department of Communications
Secretary - Department of Defence
Secretary - Department of Education (changed from Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations – Effective 7 September 2013)
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Secretary – Department of Finance
Secretary - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Secretary - Department of Health
Secretary - Department of Human Services
Secretary - Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Secretary - Department of Industry
Secretary - Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Secretary - Department of Social Services
Secretary - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Secretary - Department of Veterans' Affairs
Secretary - The Treasury
Vice Chief of the Defence Force

Charges related to COMCAR reservations for 2012-13 - part 3 of question F57

Account Holder	Number of Trips	Cost
Departmental Secretaries	1,039	\$75,384.78
Managing Director - ABC	67	\$4,441.05
CEO Safe Work Australia	Nil	Nil
Board Members of the National Museum of Australia	77	\$5,002.45
Aboriginal Lands Commissioner	Nil	Nil
Total	1183	\$84,828.28