

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Ministerial Vehicles

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary please breakdown the vehicles allocated to them in their ministerial capacity including:

- a) What is the make and model?
- b) How much did it cost?
- c) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
- d) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
- e) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
- f) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
- g) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
- h) 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.
- i) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

Answer:

The Department of Finance manages the vehicle for the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann.

- a) Ford Territory Titanium (2012)
- b) Vehicle costs (GST Inclusive) between 7 September 2013 and 31 January 2014 were as follows:

Lease Costs	\$4,635
Fuel Costs	\$274
Total Costs	\$4,909
- c) Yes.
- d) All maintenance costs are budgeted in the vehicle lease. All maintenance and fuel costs are included in answer (b).

- e) Yes.
- f) Refer to the Ministers' of State Entitlements Handbook Part 4 - [http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part Four Travel - 4.4 Car Transport.asp](http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel_-_4.4_Car_Transport.asp)
- g) No.
- h) Refer to answer (f).
- i) No.