

**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:** 3/3.1

**Topic:** Ministerial staff vehicles

**Senator:** Ludlam

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MOPS Act entitlements? If so:

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

**Answer:**

As at 31 January 2014:

a-f) Provided at Attachment A.

g) Section 29 of the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012-2015* (the Enterprise Agreement) relates to the provision of a Private-Plated Vehicles. The Enterprise Agreement can be found at:

[http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise\\_agreement/2012-2015/index.html](http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/2012-2015/index.html) and the relevant Enterprise Agreement guideline, *Private-Plated Vehicles*, can be found at [http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise\\_agreement/Guidelines/Private-Plated\\_Vehicles.html](http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/enterprise_agreement/Guidelines/Private-Plated_Vehicles.html).

- h) No.
- i) See response to (g).
- j) No.

**F65 Attachment A – Ministerial Staff Vehicles**  
**Part A – F**

| Office    | a) Make | a) Model          | b) Current monthly lease cost (excl GST) | c) Date provided to ministerial staff member | d) Costs met by Dept? | e) Other ongoing costs - fuel, maintenance, insurance etc since provision of the vehicle up to 31 Jan 2014* | f) Costs met by Dept? |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Truss     | Toyota  | Camry             | \$863.03                                 | 28/10/2013                                   | Yes                   | \$18.54   | Yes                   |
| Truss     | Ford    | Falcon            | \$979.85                                 | 19/09/2013 <sup>1</sup>                      | Yes                   | \$422.38  | Yes                   |
| Truss     | Toyota  | Aurion            | \$973.23                                 | 23/01/2014                                   | Yes                   | NIL   | Yes                   |
| Abbott    | Holden  | Calais            | \$859.88                                 | 29/11/2013                                   | Yes                   | NIL   | Yes                   |
| Abbott    | Ford    | Territory         | \$1,076.75                               | 18/09/2013 <sup>2</sup>                      | Yes                   | \$652.83  | Yes                   |
| Abbott    | Ford    | Territory         | \$1,124.13                               | 15/10/2013                                   | Yes                   | \$88.05   | Yes                   |
| Abbott    | Holden  | Calais Sportwagon | \$988.55                                 | 2/12/2013                                    | Yes                   | NIL   | Yes                   |
| Dutton    | Ford    | Territory         | \$1,013.01                               | 30/10/2013                                   | Yes                   | \$89.88   | Yes                   |
| Dutton    | Holden  | Captiva           | \$795.56                                 | 30/10/2013                                   | Yes                   | \$65.91   | Yes                   |
| Morrison  | Ford    | Falcon            | \$1,058.20                               | 24/10/2013                                   | Yes                   | \$300.79  | Yes                   |
| Sinodinos | Holden  | Commodore         | \$835.31                                 | 8/11/2013                                    | Yes                   | NIL   | Yes                   |

\*Note - costs in response to e) are paid in arrears, invoices for these expenses may not have been received and paid before 31 January in respect of all vehicles.

<sup>1</sup> Vehicle provided to MOP(S) employee in previous role on 13 June 2012 and maintained on move to current role.

<sup>2</sup> Vehicle provided to MOP(S) employee in previous role on 12 April 2012 and maintained on move to current role.