

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Hire cars

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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 of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) spent \$3,557.63 on hire cars between 1 November 2013 and 31 January 2014. PM&C does not record hire car expenses in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of the business groups associated with these costs. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. PM&C 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.