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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Hire cars

Senator: 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 Australian Public Service Commission's spend on hire cars is estimated to be \$1,117 (exclusive of GST) from 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014. A breakdown of business areas spending is displayed below:

Strategic Centre for Leadership,	
Learning and Development	\$601
Employment Policy and Participation	\$341
Corporate and Executive	\$175
TOTAL	\$1117

2. Vehicles are hired as ground transport on a best value for money basis i.e. as an alternative to public transport and taxi, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office.