

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Hire cars - Indigenous Affairs All Agency

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:

Responses for Indigenous Affairs agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio are provided below:

Portfolio Body	Answer
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WA - \$1,003.47 National Office - \$3,046.102. Travel to hostels and communities, primarily in remote areas where office vehicles are not available or suitable.
Anindilyakwa Land Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. \$637.29 (GST Exclusive) spent on hire cars for period, of which:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$518.73 related to travel to/from official business by the Chief Executive Officer• \$118.56 for external consultants travel requirements on Groote Eylandt2. Hire cars are utilised where transit costs between accommodation and place of official business are a

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	more economically viable option than the use of taxis and/or where taxis or pool vehicles are unavailable (i.e. Groote Eylandt).												
Central Land Council (CLC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,601.47 Incidental to approved CLC travel. 												
Indigenous Business Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>\$26,343</p> <table> <tr> <td>Equity & Investments</td><td>\$6,985</td></tr> <tr> <td>Home Ownership</td><td>\$7,827</td></tr> <tr> <td>Business Development and Assistance</td><td>\$8,202</td></tr> <tr> <td>Support Services</td><td>\$3,329</td></tr> </table> Client visits, business development and operations. 	Equity & Investments	\$6,985	Home Ownership	\$7,827	Business Development and Assistance	\$8,202	Support Services	\$3,329				
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Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ILC spent \$17,447 (GST exclusive) on hire cars from November 2013 to 18 March 2014. The reasons for hire car costs are in connection with staff travel, mainly in remote and rural areas of Australia. 												
Northern Land Council	Information not available at this time.												
Outback Stores Pty Ltd	Hire car costs for the period 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 were \$9,379 and used for store visits and Store Manager relocations from one store to another where support vehicles are not available.												
Tiwi Land Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,524.89 Chairman, Executive and delegates requiring vehicles when attending to business in Darwin. 												
Torres Strait Regional Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Hire cars cost \$5,136 during the period broken up as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Economic Development Program</td><td>\$ 479</td></tr> <tr> <td>Native Title Office</td><td>\$1,745</td></tr> <tr> <td>Environment Program</td><td>\$1,889</td></tr> <tr> <td>Culture, Art & Heritage Program</td><td>\$ 366</td></tr> <tr> <td>Governance & Leadership Program</td><td>\$ 657</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>\$5,136</td></tr> </table> Hire cars are used for travel while staff are away from Thursday Island and when it is more efficient than taxis. 	Economic Development Program	\$ 479	Native Title Office	\$1,745	Environment Program	\$1,889	Culture, Art & Heritage Program	\$ 366	Governance & Leadership Program	\$ 657	Total	\$5,136
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