

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Budget Estimates Hearing 27 May-6 June 2013**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Hire Cars

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year 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 spent \$26,402 on hire cars between 1 July 2012 and 30 May 2013. The Department 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. All hire car related expenditure is approved by the appropriate financial delegate. The Department 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.