

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 120**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

**Corporate Cars**

Please update if there have been any changes since Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 (October 2012):

- a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
- b) Where is the car/s located?
- c) What is the car/s used for?
- d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?
- e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The following agencies have a nil response to this question: Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, AUSTRAC, CrimTrac, Family Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, Federal Magistrates Court, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

**Attorney-General Department**

- a) AGD owns and maintains a small fleet of civilian VIP protected vehicles. For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose the quantity of those vehicles.
- b) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.
- c) These vehicles provide for the protected carriage of certain Australian High Office Holders, visiting foreign dignitaries and other internally protected persons as required.
- d) The total year to date costs for the vehicles this financial year (2012-2013) is \$157,125.
- e) For operational security reasons it is inappropriate to disclose this information.

**Australian Crime Commission**

- a) 11 Vehicles
- b) Brisbane x 2, Melbourne x 4, Sydney x 4; and Perth x 1.
- c) Operational support
- d) approximately \$1,400 per vehicle
- e) average 1,690 km per vehicle

**Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

- a) 15 cars are owned in total.
- b) Cars are located in Sydney, Brisbane, Thursday Island, and the Solomon Islands.
- c) Cars are used for ACBPS operational purposes. Further details are provided in Table 1.
- d) The total cost of each car for this financial year to date (31 January 2013) is provided in Table 1. The average YTD operating cost per car for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 is approximately \$5,460.
- e) The distance that each car travelled this financial year to date (31 January 2013) is provided in Table 1. The average YTD distance travelled per car for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 is approximately 4,754km.

**Table 1**

		Period from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012		Period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013	
Car Location	What is the car used for	Cost of each car - YTD	Kilometres travelled by each car	Cost of each car - YTD	Kilometres travelled by each car
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$166	1,438	\$1,952	5,838
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$520	2,152	\$3,288	7,495
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$691	4,256	\$3,363	11,426
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$159	878	\$1,038	2,541
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$500	89	\$500	245
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$500	246	\$888	1,440
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$500	362	\$1,128	2,140
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$160	1,699	\$359	3,085
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$500	612	\$629	960
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$1,040	2,889	\$2,348	7,964
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$1,926	3,407	\$3,178	6,247
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$58,287	2,085	\$58,121	4,523
Sydney, NSW	Pickup/drop off/transport of firearms from/to DGM ex airport, seaport, bonded stores, express freight depots	\$875	1,551	\$1,418	3,411
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For transport of ACBPS officers in the Solomon Islands	\$246	1,950	\$1,155	7,000
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For transport of ACBPS officers in the Solomon Islands	\$712	1,950	\$2,534	7,000
	<b>Average</b>	<b>\$4,452</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>\$5,460</b>	<b>4,754</b>

### **Australian Federal Police**

- a) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 (October 2012) the following movements have occurred in AFP owned vehicles:  
6 Vehicles Purchased  
5 Vehicles Disposed
- b) Purchased Vehicles:  
1: International Network (Manila)  
2: ACT  
1: Victoria  
1: New South Wales  
1: Western Australia  
Disposed Vehicles:  
3: International Deployment Group (Solomon Islands and Nauru)  
1: International Network (Manila)  
1: Victoria
- c) Purchased Vehicles:  
International Network, ACT Community Policing and Technical Operations.  
Disposed Vehicles:  
International Network, International Deployment Group and Technical Operations.
- d) Note that it is impractical to gather the full data relating to the running costs of each vehicle due to their localities and AFP operational security requirements. To do so would be an unreasonable diversion of AFP resources.
- e) Note that due to the AFP operational security requirements of these vehicles, it is not feasible to gather up to date odometer readings to calculate the kilometres travelled by each vehicle outside of annual FBT requirements.

### **Australian Government Solicitor**

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

### **National Native Title Tribunal**

The NNTT will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal is no longer a *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation.