

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

Portfolio

Question No. 91

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Corporate cars

- a) How many cars are owned by the Attorney-General's Department?
- 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 answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN 120 from the Additional Estimates round.

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 please see below.

The following agencies have a nil response to this question:

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, CrimTrac, Family Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

See below for other responses.

Attorney-General's 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 cost for the armoured vehicles between 1 February 2013 and 31 May 2013 was \$136,496.73
- 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) Covert and operational support
- d) approximately \$690.00 per vehicle for the period 1 February – 31 May 2013
- e) average 980km per vehicle for the period 1 February – 31 May 2013

Australian Customs and Border Protection

- a) 15 cars are owned in total (no change from the response previously provided in QoN 120)
- b) Cars are located in Sydney, Brisbane, Thursday Island, and the Solomon Islands (no change from the response previously provided in QoN 120)
- c) Cars are used for ACBPS operational purposes. Further details are provided in Table 1 (no change from the response previously provided in QoN 120)
- d) The total cost of each car for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 is provided in Table 1. The average operating cost per car for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 is approximately \$989
- e) The distance that each car travelled for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 is provided in Table 1. The average distance travelled per car for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 is approximately 2,337km

Table 1

Car Location	What is the car used for	Period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013		Period from 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013		TOTAL: YTD from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013	
		Cost of each car	Kilometres travelled by each car	Cost of each car	Kilometres travelled by each car	Cost of each car - YTD	Kilometres travelled by each car
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$1,952	5,838	\$791	2,751	\$2,743	8,589
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$3,288	7,495	\$1,300	4,638	\$4,588	12,133
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$3,363	11,426	\$736	4,555	\$4,099	15,981
Sydney, NSW	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$1,038	2,541	\$129	528	\$1,167	3,069
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$500	245	\$396	292	\$896	537
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$888	1,440	\$3,403	25	\$4,291	1,465
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$1,128	2,140	\$656	1,992	\$1,784	4,132
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$359	3,085	\$1,661	586	\$2,020	3,671
Thursday Island, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$629	960	\$366	457	\$995	1,417
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$2,348	7,964	\$1,132	3,628	\$3,480	11,592
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$3,178	6,247	\$904	3,369	\$4,082	9,616
Brisbane, QLD	Operational and Surveillance purposes	\$58,121*	4,523	\$554	2,304	\$58,675*	6,827
Sydney, NSW	Pickup/drop off/transport of firearms from/to DGM ex airport, seaport, bonded stores, express freight depots	\$1,418	3,411	\$1,263	1,933	\$2,681	5,344
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For transport of ACBPS officers in the Solomon Islands	\$1,155	7,000	\$876	4,000	\$2,031	11,000
Honiara, Solomon Islands	For transport of ACBPS officers in the Solomon Islands	\$2,534	7,000	\$664	4,000	\$3,198	11,000
	Average	\$5,460	4,754	\$989	2,337	\$6,449	7,092

*This figure includes the initial purchase cost of \$57,190 for this vehicle.

Australian Federal Police

a)	For the period of 1 February to 31 May 2013 the following movements have occurred in AFP owned vehicles: 4 Vehicles Purchased 10 Vehicles Disposed
b)	Purchased Vehicles: 4: International Deployment Group (East Timor and Solomon Islands) Disposed Vehicles: 4: International Deployment Group (Solomon Islands) 5: International Network (Manila) 1: Queensland
c)	Purchased Vehicles: International Deployment Group 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.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

The vehicles owned by ASIO are for operational purposes. For security reasons, the number and costs cannot be provided

National Native Title Tribunal

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the NNTT 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. On 12 March 2013 the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013 came into operation. On that day the Australian Public Service Commissioner signed a determination which transferred all staff employed by the Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia under s.72 of the Public Service Act, but those staff are designated staff assisting the Tribunal under the Native Title Act