

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 124

Topic: Hire Cars

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Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) 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.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

- a) For the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Department's expenditure on hire cars (i.e. self-drive rental cars) was \$42,766 (GST exclusive).

It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Departmental resources.

Note: The Department is currently transitioning the Indigenous Affairs portfolio to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and, therefore, the above expenditure figure includes hire car costs relating to the Indigenous Affairs programme.

- b) Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

- a) The Australian Institute of Family Studies spent \$3,839.39 (ex GST) on car hire from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.
- b) Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.

National Disability Insurance Agency

- a) For the period from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the National Disability Insurance Agency's expenditure on hire cars (i.e. self-drive rental cars) was \$16,306 (GST exclusive). The breakdown by business group is:

- \$8,249 Operational Management
- \$8,057 National Operations

- b) Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.