

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Corporate Cars

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
 - 1) Where are the cars located?
 - 2) What are the cars used for?
 - 3) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
 - 4) How far did each car travel during the specified period?
- b) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?
 - 1) Where are the cars located?
 - 2) What are the cars used for?
 - 3) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
 - 4) How far did each car travel during the specified period?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services (DHS) does not own any vehicles.
- b) All vehicles required for DHS operational use are accessed through leases via the whole of government Fleet Management Arrangement.

As at 14 September 2015, DHS was responsible for 890 vehicle leases of which 711 vehicles were for its own use and 179 vehicles for use by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) under a Shared Services arrangement.

These totals do not include Executive Vehicle Scheme vehicles, which are provided to Senior Executive Service officers as a remuneration option. While the leases are established by DHS, the leasing relationship is between the individual officer and the vehicle provider. All lease, running and taxation costs are met by the individual officer.

- 1) The vehicles are located at office and customer service-related sites throughout Australia.

- 2) DHS staff are required to travel within communities and between sites to support citizens and staff in the delivery of its programmes.
PM&C staff are required to travel within communities and between sites to deliver services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Australia.
- 3) The average lease cost for each DHS vehicle from 14 September 2015 to 11 February 2016 (excluding fuel) was approximately \$3,678.
The average lease cost for each PM&C vehicle from 14 September 2015 to 11 February 2016 was approximately \$7,379.
- 4) The average distance travelled by each DHS vehicle from 14 September 2015 to 11 February 2016 was approximately 4,859 kilometres.
The average distance travelled by each PM&C vehicle from 14 September 2015 to 11 February 2016 was approximately 6,079 kilometres.