

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Hire cars

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

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

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period?
Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?
- c) How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

- a) During the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the department spent \$237,703 on hire cars. An itemised breakdown of car hire expenditure within the department would represent an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- b) Official Travel.
- c) This is a matter for the Department of Finance.