

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Ministerial motor vehicles

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

- a) Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:
 - 1) What is the make and model?
 - 2) How much did it cost?
 - 3) When was it provided?
 - 4) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
 - 5) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
 - 6) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
 - 7) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
 - 8) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.
 - 9) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
 - 10) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.

Answer:

- a) For the period 14 to 21 September 2015, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, as Minister for Human Services was not provided with a motor vehicle. From his commencement as Minister for Human Services on 21 September 2015, the Hon Stuart Robert MP had access to a motor vehicle. This vehicle was then transferred to the Hon Alan Tudge MP when he was sworn in as Minister for Human Services on 18 February 2016.
 - 1) Ford Territory.
 - 2) The vehicle cost \$33,012.96.
 - 3) The vehicle was provided to Minister Robert on 5 November 2013 and then provided to Minister Tudge on 18 February 2016.
 - 4) No, the lease arrangement was initiated by the Department of Defence and transferred to the Department of Human Services upon Minister Robert's appointment.

- 5) For the period of 21 September 2015 to 11 February 2016, \$4,194.28 has been spent on the lease payments. This amount includes all maintenance and fuel.
- 6) Yes.
- 7) – 10) These guidelines are managed by the Department of Finance.