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Topic: Hire Cars

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

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

1. 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.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

1. For the period 1 September 2015 to 31 December 2015, the Department's expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) was \$65,202 (GST exclusive). It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Departmental resources.

Note: These figures include expenditure by functions that have since transferred out of the Department, including Ageing and Aged Care to the Department of Health and Early Childhood and Child Care to the Department of Education.

2. Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes where it is deemed more efficient and economical than other forms of transport.
3. For the period 1 September 2015 to 31 December 2015 the Department did not incur any expenditure on hire cars (ie self-drive rental cars) for the Minister or Minister's office.