Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Hire Cars

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Question:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

a) The Department spent \$868,095 on the hire of motor vehicles for this financial year (as at 31 May 2013). The break down by business group is as follows:

Business Group	Total Expenditure
Executive and Audit	\$664
Chief Information Officer	\$28,894
Service Delivery Transformation and Performance	\$37,831
Service Delivery Operations	\$366,329
Rehabilitation and Compliance	\$136,349
Health and Service Delivery Reform	\$29,609
Participation, Families and Older Australians	\$26,122
Enabling Services	\$69,780
Other	\$172,517
TOTAL	\$868,095

b) Hire cars are used for the purpose of staff travelling for departmental business; for example, interstate travel or where it is generally less costly than taking a taxi.