

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 169

**Topic:** Hire cars

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**Senator Ludwig** asked:

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer:**

- a) For the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, the Department's expenditure on hire cars (i.e. self-drive rental cars) was \$62,077 (GST exclusive).

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown by business groups without significant diversion of Departmental resources.

- b) Hire cars are used for staff travelling for official business purposes.