

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-001411

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Ministerial Motor Vehicle

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the Minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:

a) What is the make and model?

b) How much did it cost?

c) When was it provided?

d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?

e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.

f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?

g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.

h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.

i) 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.

2. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.

**Answer:**

1. Yes.

a) Holden, Commodore VE Series II.

b) Lease value \$38,467 over 24 months (GST exclusive).

c) Lease commenced on 18 September 2013.

d) Yes.

e) Cost incurred from 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 is \$3,960.

f) Yes

g) The guidelines for determining Ministerial entitlement for access to a vehicle are set in the Department of Finance's Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Handbook.

h) No.

i) See response to part g).

2. No.