

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**

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**Question No: 174(f)**

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**Topic: Hire Cars**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe 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. To provide a breakdown of individual costs and travel for each vehicle would be an unnecessary diversion of resources. Total cost from September 2015 to February 2016 is \$131,506.31.
2. Hire cars are required to maintain operations whilst awaiting delivery of tool of trade vehicles.
3. Nil.