

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearing February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 222

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Ministerial staff vehicles

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? 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 this entitlement to a motor vehicle.
 - (h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.
 - (i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
 - (j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.

Answer:

The Department of Finance will answer this question on behalf of the Communications portfolio.