

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 339**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Hire cars**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on hire cars from 25 February 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer:**

1. Hire cars within NBN Co refers to rental cars from companies such as Avis or Hertz where the cost of taxi fares would (for each day of the proposed hire) exceed the cost of a hire car. The values below are for the period of 1 March 2014<sup>1</sup> to 31 May 2014 and exclude fuel costs.

<b>Cost Centre</b>	<b>Rental cars (A805210) Mar 14 – May 14 2013/14</b>
Chief Operating Officer	51,764
Product & Sales	93
Technology Organisation	5,298
Corporate -	6,250
Strategy & Transformation	344
Communications	6,434
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,184</b>

2. NBN Co employees use hire cars to travel predominately from airports to NBN Co construction sites or travel between their home, office and NBN Co construction sites where air travel is not available. The use of hire cars is preferred when the equivalent cost by other means of transport (e.g. taxi) is prohibitive.

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<sup>1</sup> Hire car expenditure from 1 March 2014 has been disclosed in order to align with the NBN Co Limited month end reporting process