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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Department of Communications

Question No: 59

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Hire cars

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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. For the period 1 May - 31 October 2014, total departmental expense on hire cars was \$1,275.90 (GST excl). The Department does not record hire car expense data in a way that would readily allow individual business groups to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. The use of hire cars is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as all other travel undertaken by departmental staff.
3. Nil.