

Department/ Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: BET 2049

Topic: Hire Cars

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Question:

2049. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

2049. From 1 March to 31 May 2014, the ATO (including Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$24,629 (GST exclusive) on hire cars.

The details of expenditure by business area is provided below:

Business Area	1 March to 31 May 2014* (\$) (GST exclusive)
Compliance	6,357
People, Systems and Services*	15,523
Law Design and Practice	329
Australian Valuation Office	2,051
Tax Practitioners Board	369
Total	24,629

* People, Systems and Services incurs hire car expenses on behalf of other ATO business areas where fleet vehicles are not available and hire cars are organised as an alternative means of travel.

a. The ATO has a short-term vehicle hire contract that provides an alternative source of transport to fleet vehicles. These cars are used when there is either no access to a fleet vehicle (such as in some regional sites) and it is more cost effective than other forms of transport.