

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 126-128**

**Topic: Ministerial Motor Vehicles**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

126. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? 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?
127. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
- a) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.
128. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
- a) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.

**Answer:**

126. Treasury manages the vehicle for the Minister for Small Business, the Hon Bruce Billson:
- a. Holden Cruz Sedan (2013).
  - b. The department leases the vehicle on behalf of the Minister. This lease is for 2 years at a cost of \$10,057 (GST exclusive) per annum.
  - c. 3 October 2013.
  - d. The department will meet the cost of the lease and associated running costs.
  - e.

<b>Ongoing Expenses 1.6.2014 – 31.10.2014</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,567</b>

- f. Yes, refer answer (d).
127. Refer to the Ministers' of State Entitlements Handbook Part 4 – [http://maps.finance.gov/entitlements\\_hanbooks/ministers-of-state/Part\\_Four\\_Travel](http://maps.finance.gov/entitlements_hanbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel)
- a). No.
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- a). No.