

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000218**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No ED0501\_15*

**Hire cars**

**Question**

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

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 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Department of Education and Training spent \$15,998.11 on hire cars, excluding Comcar. A breakdown for each business group is provided in the table below.

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount (GST Exclusive)</b>
Early Childhood and Child Care	\$ 967.97
Schools and Youth	\$ 1,050.35
Higher Education, Research and International	\$ 1,307.00
Skills and Training	\$ 11,982.78
Share Services Centre	\$ 690.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,998.11</b>

2. Hire cars are used where they provide the most economical and practical method of undertaking departmental business, such as when usage is high enough to be more cost effective than taxis, but not high enough to make leasing or purchase economically viable.
3. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, there was no expenditure by the department on hire car costs for the Minister or the Minister's office, excluding Comcar.