

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0363_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hire cars

a) 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. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer

a) For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the Department of Employment¹ spent \$11,259.13 on hire cars, excluding Comcar.

A breakdown by business group is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

b) Hire cars are utilised 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.

¹ For the 2013-14 financial year, costs associated with Corporate and the State Office Network functions of the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations cannot be simply attributed to the individual new departments. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.