

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F113
Senator: Ludwig
Topic: Hire Cars

Question:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date?
 Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response																				
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil. 2. N/A. 																				
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total agency spend on hire cars for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$436,721. A breakdown of the cost for each AEC business group is as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Business Group</th> <th>Hire cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>National Office (ACT)</td> <td>\$ 31,352</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NSW</td> <td>\$ 92,394</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NT</td> <td>\$ 13,067</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QLD</td> <td>\$ 82,787</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SA</td> <td>\$ 27,974</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TAS</td> <td>\$ 17,302</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VIC</td> <td>\$ 122,490</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WA</td> <td>\$ 49,355</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td>\$ 436,721</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 2. Hire cars during the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 have been rented to facilitate AEC core business activities, primarily in direct support of the Federal Election. These activities include carriage of staff for planning meetings, training and inspections, transport of election materials, ferrying of official visiting delegations, etc 	Business Group	Hire cost	National Office (ACT)	\$ 31,352	NSW	\$ 92,394	NT	\$ 13,067	QLD	\$ 82,787	SA	\$ 27,974	TAS	\$ 17,302	VIC	\$ 122,490	WA	\$ 49,355	Grand Total	\$ 436,721
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Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>1. \$115.14</p> <p>2. Official purposes only</p>				
Future Fund Management Agency	<p>1. \$305 was spent by the investment area.</p> <p>2. Official purposes where other modes of transport were not available or efficient</p>				