

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 246

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
2. Where is the car/s located?
3. What is the car/s used for?
4. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?
5. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?
6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?
7. Where are the cars located?
8. What are the cars used for?
9. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?
10. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. As at 28 February 2014 the Australian Federal Police owned 385 cars.
2. The cars are located at various locations across Australia (including territories) and the following International locations across the world - Burma, Cambodia, China, Colombia, East Timor, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nauru, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Serbia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The Netherlands, Tonga, UAE, USA, Vanuatu, Vietnam.
3. The cars are used for community policing, forensic services, learning and development, Close Personal Protection training, Close Personal Protection, technical operations, communications, people strategies, property officer, special response and training, Traffic Investigations Group, traffic operations, International Deployment Group.

For security/operational purposes the AFP does not identify details relating to vehicles specifically used for covert operations.

4. It is impractical to gather the full data relating to the running costs of each owned vehicle due to their localities and AFP operational security requirements. To do so would be an unreasonable diversion of AFP resources.
5. It is not feasible to gather up to date odometer readings to calculate the kilometres travelled by each owned vehicle outside of annual FBT requirements.
6. As at 28 February 2014 the Australian Federal Police leased 866 cars.

7. Various locations across Australia including its territories and Christmas and Cocos Islands.
8. Community Policing, Aviation Policing, Diplomatic Protection, Forensic Services, Investigations, Administration, Executive Vehicle Scheme, Learning and Development, Close Personal Protection Training, Close Personal Protection, Technical Operations, Communications, People Strategies, Property Officer, Special Response and Training, Traffic Investigations Group, Traffic Operations, International Deployment Group.

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9. The average cost of each car leased by the AFP for the period 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 is approximately \$5,017 per vehicle. The total leased car cost to the AFP for the period was approximately \$4,344,867.
10. The AFP does not record the car data in a way that would readily allow for the car travel details for each vehicle to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of AFP resources.