

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/092) - Hire cars - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

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. The following table itemises departmental short term hire car costs for each business group from 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016

Business Area	1 Sep 2015 - 31 Jan 2016
Strategic Reform Group	\$ 115
Policy Group	\$ 48,841
Corporate Group	\$ 9,876
Intelligence and Capability Group	\$ 14,310
Visa and Citizenship Services Group	\$ 49,839
ABF Support Group	\$263,037
ABF Operations Group	\$116,600
Central Expenses Group	\$ 3,067
TOTAL	\$505,685

2. Factors contributing to short term hire car costs in the Department include:
 - the movement of staff working at detention centres within Australia and its territories, including Christmas Island
 - officers traveling to rural/regional/remote areas for compliance activity, and
 - the movement of staff for departmental business where the use of a hire car is otherwise more cost effective than the alternatives available, or where those alternatives do not meet the business requirement (for example, to arrive at a specified location by a certain time)
3. The Department spent \$263 (GST exclusive) on hire cars for the Minister, Assistant Minister and their offices for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.