

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/162

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

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

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

1. The portfolio's response to this question is set out in Table 1 below. This response covers the period 7 September 2013 to 29 May 2014.
2. For the Attorney-General's Department and applicable portfolio agencies hire cars are used by employees to attend work related meetings or events.

Table 1

In some cases, it is not possible to separately account for taxis and car hire to disaggregate the balances, or to identify business units for the expenditure.

Department/Agency	Cost
Attorney-General's Department	The amounts shown below include expenditure on both taxis and hire cars:
	Executive \$8,993
	Civil Justice & Legal Services Group \$132,888
	National Security & Criminal Justice Group \$150,036
	Strategic Policy & Coordination Group \$25,538
	Total \$530,665* included in the total spend figure is \$213,210 that relates to costs for taxis or car hire for the delivery of programs administered by the department. It is not possible to provide a breakdown by business units.
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$3,528
Australian Crime Commission	Corporate Services \$1,048
	Operations \$3,212
	Strategic Intel & Strategy \$2,192
	Total \$16,432
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	\$7,949
Australian Federal Police	ACT Policing \$ 3,318

Department/Agency	Cost
	Chief Operating Officer \$ 6,971
	National Security \$ 84,473
	Operations \$ 27,882
	Operations Support \$ 28,797
	Total \$ 151,441
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$83,972
Australian Human Rights Commission	President, Commissioner's & Support \$3,937
	International Programs Unit \$3,729
	Other Units \$2,611
	Total: \$10,277
	Of the amount identified \$5,650 was fully cost recovered under fee for service arrangement Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$684 related to activities on behalf of the ADF for the Defence Force Review • \$3,729 related to activities on behalf of AUSAID for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs
Australian Institute of Criminology	Nil
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$473
Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation	\$129,149
AUSTRAC	\$167
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$11,985
CrimTrac	\$509
Family Court of Australia/Federal Circuit Court	\$288,468 (GST ex).
Federal Court of Australia	\$16,419
High Court of Australia	\$57,657
National Archives of Australia	Executive \$404
	Access & Communications \$1,052
	Collection Management \$583
	Executive & Information Services \$646
	State Offices \$873
	Total \$3,558
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Executive: \$4,271
	Regulation and Strategy: \$3,721
	Dispute Resolution: \$926
	Corporate Support and Communication: \$320

Department/Agency	Cost
	Total \$9,238
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	Total \$1,165
Australia Council for the Arts	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts \$619
	Office of the CEO \$363
	Arts Development \$302
	Council \$294
	Music \$180
	Arts Organisations \$120
	Visual Arts \$120
	Community Partnerships \$84
	Total \$2,082
Australian Film Television and Radio School	Nil
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$1947
Bundanon Trust	Nil
Creative Partnerships Australia	\$224
National Gallery of Australia	approximately \$6,748
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	\$6,364
National Museum of Australia	\$18,344
Museum of Australian Democracy / Old Parliament House	Executive \$626
	Business Operations and Heritage Branch \$94
	Audience, Programs and Partnerships Branch \$267
	Total \$987
National Library of Australia	Executive Support and Public Programs \$311
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	\$2,885
Screen Australia	\$59,790