

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/269) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- a. 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.
- b. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
- c. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

- a. The following table itemises hire car costs for each business group from 1 June 2014-31 October 2014:

Business area	1 June 2014-31 October 2014
Policy and Programme Management	\$6359
Business Services	\$30 709
Client Services	\$84 445
Immigration Status Resolution	\$11 944
Corporate Activities	\$1816
Portfolio Reform Taskforce and Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority	\$766
Border Force	\$182 818
Border Protection Command	\$2642
Executive and taskforces	\$771
Integrity Security and Assurance	\$352
Intelligence	\$1122
Strategic Border Command	\$72 175
Support	\$5379
Technology	\$5360
Trade and Customs	\$9058
TOTAL	\$415 716

- b. Factors contributing to hire car costs include:
 - the movement of staff to/from/while working at detention centres within Australia, including Christmas Island
 - officers traveling to rural/regional/remote areas for compliance activity

- 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).
- c. The Portfolio spent \$22 143 on hire cars for the Minister and Assistant Minister for the period 1 June 2014 - 31 October 2014.