

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 125
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: Portfolio wide - hire cars
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

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.

a) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

Department of the Environment (the Department)

The Department spent \$26,632 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Australian Antarctic Division	12,116
Biodiversity Conservation Division	1,807
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	2,116
Corporate Strategies Division	361
Environment Quality Division	1,007
Environmental Assessment and Compliance	4,295
Executive Division	304
Office of Water Science	945
Parks Australia	551
Policy and Communications Division	0
Supervising Scientist Division	540
Sustainability Policy and Analysis Division	407
Water Efficiency Division	1,216
Water Reform Division	0
Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division	967
Total	26,632

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Director of National Parks (the Director)

The Director spent \$8,364 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
DNP Executive	478
Parks Business and Policy Branch	569
Parks Operation & Strategic Partnership Branch	1,134
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Branch	6,183
Total	8,364

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Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)

The Bureau spent \$32,209 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Climate and Water	1,580
Corporate	1,114
Research and Systems	28134
Weather Services	7,381
Total	38,209

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Climate Change Authority (the Authority)

The Authority spent \$239 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Authority Staff	239
Total	239

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Clean Energy Regulator (the Regulator)

The Regulator spent \$3,325 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Renewables and Carbon Farming	1,385
Reporting and Carbon Market	1,850
Total	3,235

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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority)

The Authority spent \$7,070 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Chairman's Office	0
Strategic Policy and Reef Stewardship	3,348
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use	90
Great Barrier Reef Operations	3,632
Total	7,070

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Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority)

The Authority spent \$6,868 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business groups	Amount \$
Corporate & Business Services Division	898
Environmental Management Division	870
Policy & Planning Division	1,378
River Management Division	3,722
Total	\$6,868

- a) Hire car costs are incurred by the Authority's members, staff and committee members for attending work related meetings, project site visits, etc.

National Water Commission (the Commission)

The Commission spent \$191 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Industry and sustainability	\$191

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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust)

Nil

- a) Not applicable.