

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
 Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
 Additional Estimates Hearing 2012-13
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Hire Cars

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-145

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?

ANSWER

Hire costs at the department and agency level have been provided as a breakdown of hire costs by business group would involve a significant diversion of departmental and agency resources. Details for the 2012-13 financial year as at 31 January 2013 is as follows:

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY	2012-13 FINANCIAL YEAR AS AT 31 JANUARY 2013 (GST EXCLUSIVE)	REASON FOR HIRE COSTS
DIISRTE	Hire car costs have not been provided as the department's financial management information system does not record these costs separately and a breakdown would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.	Business related travel
AIATSI	\$5,856	Business related travel
AIMS	\$26,879	Business related travel
ARC	\$150	Business related travel
ASQA	\$6,196	Business related travel
CSIRO	\$624,496	Official travel particularly where more cost effective than taxis (noting many of CSIRO's sites are outside city CBD zones) and temporary replacement of fleet vehicles that are in servicing / repair
IP Australia	\$10,157	Business related travel
TEQSA	\$921	Business related travel
ANSTO	Hire cars costs are captured in AI-144 Taxi Costs.	