

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 988

Topic: Hire Costs (ATO)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

988) 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:

988) From 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014, the ATO (including Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$38,324 (excluding GST) on hire cars.

The details of expenditure, by business area, are provided in the table below:

Business Area	1 December to 28 February 2014*(\$)
Compliance	10,503
People, Systems and Services*	23,798
Law Design and Practice	564
Australian Valuation Office	3,450
Tax Practitioners Board	9
Total	38,324

* People, Systems and Services incurs hire car expenses on behalf of other ATO business areas where fleet vehicles are not available and hire cars are organised as an alternative means of travel

a) The ATO has a short-term hire vehicle contract for business use that provides the same terms as for fleet vehicles. These cars are used when it is cost efficient to do so.