

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0326_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Hire cars

- a) 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.
- b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer

For the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Department of Employment¹ spent \$19 199 on hire cars, excluding Comcar.

A breakdown by business group is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to generate.

Hire cars are utilised where they provide the most economical and practical method of undertaking departmental business, such as when usage is high enough to be more cost effective than taxis, but not high enough to make leasing or purchase economically viable.

¹. Corporate and the State Office Network provide services to the Department of Employment and the Department of Education. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.