

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department of Employment Question No. EM0365_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Ministerial motor vehicles

Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:

- a. What is the make and model?
- b. How much did it cost?
- c. When was it provided?
- d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
- e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
- f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
- g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
- h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.
- i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
- j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.

Answer

The Department has provided the Minister and the Assistant Minister with vehicles in accordance with the DOF guidelines on Ministerial entitlements.

The vehicles provided are:

- Minister - Ford Territory which is leased under a monthly cost of \$994.03 including servicing but not including fuel. Fuel is paid separately by the Department at an average cost of \$1.42 per litre. The vehicle was provided on 18 September 2013.
- Assistant Minister - Holden Calais which is leased under a monthly cost of \$1 241.30 including servicing and fuel costs paid by the Department. The vehicle was provided on 14 November 2013.

The guidelines, which address the costs and use of Ministerial vehicles are published on the DOF website and are available via the following link:

http://www.maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/ministers-of-state/Part_Four_Travel_-_4.4_Car_Transport.asp

The guidelines have not changed since 7 September 2013.