



**Australian Government**

**Department of Defence**

**Mr Simon Lewis  
Acting Secretary**

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Senator Ursula Stephens  
Chair  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Stephens

I write to correct a response to a question on notice from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 19 October 2011.

On 7 December 2011, Defence responded to written question number 154 regarding Corporate Cars, asked by Senator Eggleston. In response to part (d) of the question, which referred to the cost of each car for 2010-11, Defence inadvertently failed to include the cost of diesel fuel.

Defence became aware of this omission when answering the similar written question number 73, which was tabled 18 April 2012.

A response correcting the previous answer to question number 154 part (d) is enclosed. The revised response includes the cost of diesel fuel.

Yours sincerely

**Simon Lewis  
Acting Secretary**

21 May 2012

**Enclosure:**

1. Revised response to question on notice 154.

**Q154 - Corporate Cars – Amended Response**

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~~The 2,459 cars identified all use Unleaded Petrol (ULP). In FY10/11, the Joint Fuels and Lubricants Agency purchased \$4.577m of ULP, equating to approximately 3.813 million litres. This is approximately \$1861.00 on fuel per vehicle.~~

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