

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Topic: Use of Hire Cars in the Prime Minister's Office

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- a) Please provide details of PMO staff use of hire cars (as opposed to taxis) for official or work-related travel.
- b) Please provide a breakdown of costs and details of each trip using hire cars.

Answer:

Details of hire car costs reimbursed to personal staff in the Prime Minister's office in 2011-2012 are as follows:

| Date | From | To | Cost (GST exclusive) |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17/10/11 | Melbourne Airport | Malvern | \$72.73 |
| 25/10/11 | Bentleigh East | Melbourne Airport | \$81.82 |

The Department has not paid any invoices from hire car companies for services for personal staff of the Prime Minister's office in 2011-2012.

Because of the Cabcharge billing system, individual merchants, such as hire car companies, cannot be readily identified. To do so would involve a significant data matching exercise and an unreasonable diversion of resources.