

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: F43

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

Topic: Use of hire car by MOP(S) staff

Hansard Page: F&PA 421

Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to indicate whether, in relation to staff members in question, travel allowance was paid to Mr McConnell and Mr Damian Callachor on or around 11 March 2003?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question: F44

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Hansard Page: F&PA 424

Senator Faulkner asked:

We have the invoice, but what do we know about the actual booking information? Do we know who booked the car?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question: F45

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

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Hansard Page: F&PA 425

Senator Faulkner asked:

Ms Mason, what I don't understand—but there may be a perfectly logical explanation—is why, at the top of this invoice and at the bottom of this invoice, the name shown is 'The Senate', 'Commonwealth Government'. That is on the payment slip at the bottom. 'Please tear off this stub and return with your remittance. The Senate. Commonwealth Government.' That appears at the bottom. At the top it is addressed to 'The Senate, Commonwealth Government'. Senator Abetz properly makes the point, of course, that Synergi is located here at Parliament House on the Senate side of the building. We are not located at 55 Blackall Street Barton, but that may be the explanation. I am just trying to understand the process.

Answer:

As Senator Abetz correctly suggested 'The Senate, Commonwealth Government' identifies the Synergi office through which the Avis hire car booking was made. In this case it is the office that Synergi occupies in the Senate wing of Parliament House. '55 Blackall Street Barton' is Synergi's Canberra head office address and is the address to which invoices for parliamentary travel are sent by service providers (in this case by Avis).

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Question: F46

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

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Hansard Page: F&PA 425

Senator Faulkner asked:

I have one other question that perhaps you could respond to at this stage. I notice miscellaneous charges are on the invoice too. It is only a small amount of \$34.31, but you might be able to explain what it is please.

Answer:

The miscellaneous charge covers taxes for the privately operated Coolangatta airport. The miscellaneous charge is 9.81% of the total cost for the vehicle hire before GST.