

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Hire Cars

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date?  
Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

What are the reasons for hire car costs?

**Answer:**

The spend on car hire at the Australian Public Service Commission for this financial year to date (31 May 2013) was \$18,240 (exclusive of GST). A breakdown of business areas spending for this period is displayed below:

Corporate and Executive	\$1,889
Workplace Relations	\$92
International Assistance	\$2,700
Client Engagement	\$409
Workforce Participation	\$241
Professional Development and Diversity Services	\$12,367
Indigenous Employment	\$543

Vehicles are hired as ground transport, on a best value for money basis i.e. alternative to public transport and taxi, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office. In one instance, a bus was hired to transport a group of officials on their overseas study tour for ground transport which is reflected in the table above for Professional Development and Diversity Services.