

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0484) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - 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 following table shows departmental short term hire car costs for the current financial year to date 28 February 2013.

Business Area	FYTD 28 Feb 2013
Policy & Program Management	\$ 31 456
Business Services	\$ 50 498
Client Services	\$ 154 668
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 231 343
Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)/ Independent Protection Assessment Office (IPAO)	\$ 4 526
TOTAL	\$ 472 491

Listed below are the factors contributing to hire car expenditure in the department:

- The department has a wide network of detention centres within Australia, including Christmas Island, which requires constant departmental movement of employees and detainees.
- Departmental officers are also required to travel to State Offices and overseas posts to monitor operations.
- Employees located in national, state and territory offices and at overseas posts on occasions travel between offices to attend training, conferences and workshops.
- The department has international engagement with other immigration jurisdictions, including Indonesia, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Departmental officers travel to these locations on occasions for bilateral meetings and to attend conferences.

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There was no reported expenditure on hire cars in the financial year to 31 January 2013.