

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0534) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

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 itemises departmental hire car costs for each business group for the financial year to date 31 May 2013.

Business Area	FYTD 31 May 2013
Policy & Program Management	\$ 88 432
Business Services	\$ 132 794
Client Services	\$ 564 733
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 2 064 003
MARA / Independent Protection Assessment Office (IPAO)	\$ 4 180
TOTAL	\$ 2 854 142

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 movement of employees.
- 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.
- Departmental officers often travel to remote areas for compliance activity.

MRT-RRT:

No expenditure was made on hire cars in the financial year to 31 May 2013.