

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0194) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

Answer:

Departmental hire car costs by business group, from 1 September 2013 to 30 September 2013 were as follows:

Business Area (Group)	1 to 30 September 2013*
Business Services	\$ 7 301
Client Services	\$ 65 853
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 21 457
Policy and Program Management	\$ 8 691
Portfolio Coordination	\$ 4 566
TOTAL	\$ 107 868

* The department does not record travel data in a way that allows separate reporting on hire car expenditure by business group for part of a month.

Factors contributing to hire car costs in the department include:

- the movement of staff to/from/while working at immigration detention facilities.
- officers traveling to rural/regional/remote areas for compliance activity, and
- the movement of staff for departmental business where the use of a hire car is otherwise more cost effective than the alternatives available, or where those alternatives do not meet the business requirement (for example, to arrive at a specified location by a certain time).

Operation Sovereign Borders:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

JATF OSB spent \$600.76 on short term vehicle hire – Canberra Hire Cars.

b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?

The car is hired for the Commander to travel from Sydney Airport to the Commonwealth Parliament Office (CPO) and return. The OSB weekly press conferences were held at the CPO.

MRT RRT:

The MRT-RRT did not incur any expenditure in relation to hire cars in the period 7 September to 31 October 2013.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Division	Cost
Anti-Dumping Commission	\$2,148
Border Force Capability	\$84,767
Border Protection Command	\$433
Compliance and Enforcement	\$24,280
Executive and Taskforce	\$2349
Integrity, Security & Assurance	\$1988
Intelligence	\$638
Strategy, Planning & Resources	\$986
Support	\$4137
Trade and Customs	\$2,245
Total	\$123,971

b) Hire cars are used as a means of transport where it is more cost effective compared to other alternative means (e.g. taxi).