

**Question on Notice
No. 2013
Asked on 7 October 2010**

MS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (Mr Swarten) -

QUESTION

With reference to QFleet—

How many vehicles has the department hired from hire companies in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (reported separately by business unit, vehicle type and location of hire) and how much has this cost the department per financial year?

ANSWER

During the 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years, vehicles hired by the Department of Public Works totalled 3205, at a cost of \$912 824.73. Details relating to costs and the number of vehicles hired for each division for each year and the location of hire are attached (refer to **Attachment 1**).

As the Honourable Member would be aware, the Bligh Government is in the midst of Australia's largest infrastructure project, valued at \$17 billion. The Honourable Member's party oppose this infrastructure program and the jobs it has created. The LNP wants to make cuts not create jobs. QFleet has been hiring vehicles for years and as would be expected, the greatest use of hire cars is in the Works division. The increase in the use of hire cars in that division reflects the increased work demands on the department to deliver this record infrastructure program.

Due to operational needs, departmental officers hire vehicles as it is more cost effective. The department operates a number of offices across the State. Due to this geographical diversity of the department's operations, short term vehicle hire is needed across a number of locations. The highest numbers of vehicles hired are in Brisbane (to service the south-east Queensland corner) and major regional centres, where the department has a presence, such as Cairns and Rockhampton.

Attachment 1

Business Unit	\$ Per year			Number of cars hired			Totals for 2007 to 2010	
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	\$	Number
Corporate and Executive Services Division	\$ 17,024.70	\$ 17,171.40	\$ 10,754.69	54	82	88	\$ 44,950.79	224
ICT Division	\$ 6,947.88	\$ 1,746.16	\$ 4,104.60	22	6	19	\$ 12,798.64	47
Services Division	\$ 20,933.05	\$ 17,961.43	\$ 37,966.51	110	79	131	\$ 76,860.99	320
Works Division	\$ 225,532.02	\$ 249,305.72	\$ 303,376.57	759	863	992	\$ 778,214.31	2614

The most common type of cars/commercial hired were standard and full sized vehicles.

Location of Car Hire 2007-2010

Location	Corporate Division	ICT Division	Services Division	Works Division
Adelaide		1	5	
Airlie Beach				1
Alice Springs			2	4
Brisbane	103	23	84	495
Bundaberg	1		7	98
Caboolture				2
Cairns	32	3	30	362
Canberra		2	1	2
Charleville		1	2	33
Emerald	2	3	7	23
Gladstone	3		4	50
Gold Coast			4	61
Gympie	21		2	11
Hervey Bay			3	12
Hobart		2		3
Ipswich				9
Launceston		1		
Longreach	3		6	37
Mackay	7		16	240
Maroochydore	5		10	428
Maryborough			5	16
Melbourne	1	3	3	3
Moranbah				1
Mount Isa	13	1	21	118
Newcastle	1	1		2
Perth				1
Proserpine			1	19
Rockhampton	9	3	29	266
Roma	4		10	34
Sale	1			
Sydney			22	3
Toowoomba	11		14	44
Townsville	7	3	27	236
Warwick			5	
Total	224	47	320	2614