

We were asked:

Q1. How much the department has spent on cars on an annual basis for the last three calendar years. This includes hiring cars and purchasing cars.

Q2. What car was hired/purchased, when it was hired/purchased, what it was used for, who was using it and how much it cost to hire/purchase.

Q3. If the department spent any money on personalised number plates, How much was spent on an annual basis for the past three calendar years, what cars they were attached to, who was using the cars, and (if this can be released) what they said.

We replied:

A1. Please note that the information you require is recorded by financial year. In order to provide this information to you in an alternative format, such as by calendar year, it would involve the manual inspection of a large number of individual records which would exceed the disproportionate cost limit. Therefore the information that has been provided to you is in financial year format.

The table below details the Wales Office spend on hiring and leasing vehicles for the last three financial years:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Government Car Service*	178,333.23	116,272.93	111,079.24
Private Hire Vehicles	2,820.75	25,701.10	26,863.50

*The spend on Government Car Service includes the contractual charges of £84,000 and the out of hours charges incurred. During 2010-11, the number of departmental cars was reduced from 3 to 1. The Department did not purchase any cars during any of these years.

A2. The Government Car Service (GCS) provides a Jaguar XJL which is used by the Wales Office Ministers on official business. This vehicle has been leased from GCS since November 2011. The Department does not hold the remainder of the information in the format requested.

A3. The Wales Office has no spend on personalised number plates in the last three calendar years.