

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question:**                **BET 759**

**Topic:**                    **Taxi Costs**

**Written:**                **17 June 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

759. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date\*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

*\*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

**Answer:**

759. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) records taxi costs as part of Domestic Local Transport costs, which is made up of costs associated with short term hire cars, taxis, trains, buses, trams, tolls, parking, and use of private vehicles within Australia. The cost of Domestic Local Transport for the financial year to 31 May 2013 was \$ 153,740.46

a. APRA's staff are expected to attend business and other meetings as part of performing their responsibilities. These are working expenses.