

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1587-1588

Topic: Taxi Costs (ABS)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1587. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
1588. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

1587. The total cost of taxi travel for the financial year to date 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 is \$354,244 (exclusive of GST). All taxi travel is incurred for business purposes and is undertaken on the basis of efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of Commonwealth resources.
1588. The total cost of taxi travel for last financial year (1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012) was \$1,292,421 (exclusive of GST). All taxi travel is incurred for business purposes and is undertaken on the basis of efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of Commonwealth resources.