

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

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Department of Employment Question No. SQ16-000305

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Taxi costs

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer

For the period from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Department of Employment spent \$102,134.91 on taxis. A breakdown by each business group is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to generate.

Taxis are used where they provide the most cost- effective transport option to deliver the outcomes of the department, including where staff are interstate on business.

For the period from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Department of Employment incurred no expenditure on taxis for the Minister or the Minister's office.