

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates - November 2013
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Taxi costs

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

- a) The Office spent \$2,227 on taxis from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013. This comprised \$1,914 for Executive and Protocol Branch and \$313 for Corporate Services Branch.
- b) Taxis are primarily used by staff on official duty for the Office and for Honorary Aides-de-Camp representing the Governor-General on official occasions.