

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 161

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Taxi Costs

- a) 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.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$ 31,376.26 As at April 30	The Administrative Appeals Tribunal is a single program agency. The expenditure represent total program spend inclusive of GST.

- b) Taxis are used as a means of transport to enable employees to attend to meetings or events as required as part of their official duties.

a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	\$22,121.85	Legal: \$1,293.24 Investigations: \$11,850.02 Intelligence: \$3,824.02 Corporate Services: \$828.97 Strategic Support: \$1,737.72 Executive: \$2,587.88

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Crime Commission	\$ 183,411	Group 1 Intervention & Prevention = \$ 66,469 Group 2 Fusion, Target Development and Performance = \$ 51,422 Group 3 People and Business Services: = \$ 65,520

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount		
Australian Federal Police	\$ 216,972		1 Mar – 30 Apr 2012	
		ACT Policing	\$ 3,610	
		COO	\$ 37,262	
		National Security	\$ 90,079	
		Operations	\$ 44,808	
		Operations Support	\$ 41,213	
		Total	\$ 216,972	

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	\$139,745 This amounts excludes expenditure on taxis on behalf of clients which is subsequently reimbursed	AGS is a single business group.

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$ 87,922 GST Exclusive Total (up to 30 April 2012)	President & Commissioners Units = \$44,552* Complaint Handling Unit = \$11,100 Other Units = \$32,270**
		*\$13,801 of this is related to Australian Defence Force Review and is fully cost recovered from Dept of Defence. **\$1230 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program and fully cost recovered from AUSAID.

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$ 17,724.16	There are no business groups for reporting purposes.

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$ 7,848.52	Age Barriers Inquiry = \$193.86 Commonwealth Laws and Family Violence Inquiry = \$433.41 Classification Inquiry = \$2,246.13 Copyright Inquiry= \$251 Executive= \$3,914.59 Corporate=\$809.53

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ASIO	The information sought is not readily available as taxi costs are not separately recorded in ASIO's financial recording system. The resources that would be required to manually check each record to identify and collate the information sought is considered unreasonable.	The information sought is not readily available as taxi costs are not separately recorded in ASIO's financial recording system. The resources that would be required to manually check each record to identify and collate the information sought is considered unreasonable.

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a)	Total spend YTD	Business group and amount
AUSTRAC	\$154,425	Supervision Division = \$30,074 Intelligence and IT Division = \$69,456 Support Division = \$13,380 Executive Division = \$41,515

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
CrimTrac April 2012 financial year to date expenditure (excl GST)	\$ 20,797.39	Chief Executive Officer Business Group = \$2,594.32 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Business Group = \$7,031.36 Chief Information Officer Business Group = \$11,171.71

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Federal Court of Australia	\$ 103,357	Judges \$9,143
		Judges staff \$40,614
		Registry staff \$53,600
		Total \$103,357

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia	\$ 54,851 YTD Apr 2012	All against Program 1.1. The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia account for Taxi fares, public parking and public transport as one general ledger expenditure item. The Court does not have the necessary resources to split this expenditure item. The vast majority of this expenditure item is made up of Taxi fares.

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
High Court of Australia	\$29,690.53	Administration = \$8,408.89 Chambers = \$21,281.64

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	\$112,524.44	<p><u>Program 1.1 – 2011-12 YTD</u> Information and Registries: \$13,682.83 Regulation and Enforcement: \$26,188.70 Trustee Services: \$18,579.89 Corporate Strategy and Support: \$29,525.55 Corporate Projects: \$8,517.49 Communal: \$559.21 TOTAL: \$97,053.67</p> <p><u>Program 1.2 – 2011-12 YTD</u> Personal Property Security Register: \$15,470.77 TOTAL: \$15,470.77</p>

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National Native Title Tribunal	\$46,607	Program 1.1 = \$46,607

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$ 18,419.01 (GST Inclusive)	Compliance = \$4,510.14 Executive = \$6,550.37 Operations = \$3,414.03 Policy = \$3,944.47

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Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	\$107,263	CDPP

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a)	Total spend	Business group and amount
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	\$2,810 excl. GST \$3,091 incl. GST	Single business group

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