

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 424**

**Program No. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1. TUSMA has issued a contract notice with Cabcharge Australia Pty Ltd for Cabcharge Cards and E-ticket vouchers. Details of this contract are available on the Austender website: **[www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)**
2. The use of taxis is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as are all other travel undertaken by agency employees.