

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 146

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division

**Topic:** Portfolio Wide – Taxi costs

**Hansard Page:** N/A

**Question Date:** 27 November 2013

**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- 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:**

***Department of the Environment***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$64,021 (GST inclusive). The breakdown for each business group for this period is listed below.

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Australian Antarctic Division	13,187
Biodiversity Conservation Division	12,747
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	222
Corporate Strategies Division	3,860
Department wide Fixed/Non-discretionary	290
Environment Quality Division	7,170
Environment Assessment and Compliance	5,319
Executive Division	119
Office of Water Science	380
Parks Australia	2,214
Policy and Communications Division	3,072
Supervising Scientist Division	1,106
Sustainability, Policy and Analysis Division	3,238
Water Efficiency Division	129
Water Reform Division	3,659
Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division	7,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,021</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

**Director of National Parks**

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$4,920 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Parks Executive	1,267
Parks Operations and Tourism Branch	1,401
Parks and Biodiversity Science Branch	606
Parks Business and Policy Branch	1016
Commonwealth Marines Reserves	630
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,920</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

**Bureau of Meteorology**

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$128,954 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Research and Systems	37,083
Weather Services	21,912
Climate and Water	38,697
Corporate	31,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,954</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$18,814 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Chairman's Office	2,179
Strategic Policy and Reef Stewardship	4,805
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use	5,784
Great Barrier Reef Operations	6,046
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,814</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

### ***Murray-Darling Basin Authority***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 was \$10,753 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
River Management	286
Environmental Management	2,868
Policy and Planning	3,163
Corporate Services	4,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,753</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

### ***National Water Commission***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 was \$5,258 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Executive and Corporate Services	3,511
Industry and Sustainability	639
Planning and Evaluation	1,108
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,258</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

### ***Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust)***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$2032 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Board	1043
Executive	265
Corporate Services	340
Marketing	209
Property and Business Development	175
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,032</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

***Clean Energy Regulator (the Regulator)***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 1 September to 31 October 2013 was \$10,989 (GST inclusive).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Chair and CEO	1,266
Renewables and Carbon Farming	4,194
Reporting and Carbon Market	2,971
Delivery	575
General Counsel	40
Operations	1,943
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,989</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.

***Climate Change Authority (the Authority)***

- a) Total expenditure for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 was \$4,327 (inclusive of GST and service fees).

<b>Business group</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Authority Members	1,728
Authority Staff	2,599
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,327</b>

- b) All taxi costs incurred are for official use, when cost effective to do so.