

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

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Department of Employment Question No. EM0086_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Taxi Costs

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

The Department of Employment was established on 18 September 2013. Previously the functions were delivered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

For the period 7 September to 17 September 2013 the total expense of taxis for DEEWR was \$955.58.

For the period 17 September to 30 November 2013, the answer refers to the Department of Employment¹.

The total expense of taxis for the Department of Employment was \$74,643.13.

A breakdown by each Business Group is not readily available.

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

¹ Corporate and the State Office Network provide services to the Department of Employment and the Department of Education. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.