

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics****ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

28 May 2012

**Question: BR59****Topic: Taxi Costs****Proof Hansard Page: Written****Senator Bushby asked:**

1. 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.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Department</b>	Bureau of Resources & Energy Economics	1,011.81	The main reasons for taxi costs incurred by the Department are travel to and from meetings, conferences, training and the like; travel home for staff required to work back late; and delivery of official documents in person
	Clean Energy	11,753.88	
	Corporate Services	15,131.62	
	Energy and Environment	10,175.94	
	Energy Security	0.00	
	Energy Special Account	455.70	
	Energy White Paper	113.98	
	Office of Spatial Policy	2,230.07	
	Resources	12,624.28	
	Tourism	3,425.41	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,922.69</b>	
<b>Tourism Australia</b>		<b>\$186,000</b>	Staff transportation to meetings with partners, transportation to and from airports to overseas offices and supplier meetings.
<b>Geoscience Australia</b>		<b>\$167,260.59 (GST exclusive)</b>	Business travel mainly to and from airports, local inter departmental and business travel purposes.