

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 14 FEBRUARY 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Taxi Costs

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Question:

- 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 these taxi costs?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services spent a total of \$1,607,450 on taxi travel from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013. The breakdown of expenditure by business group is given below:

Business Group	Total Expenditure
Executive and Audit	\$5,990
Chief Information Officer	\$142,924
Service Delivery Transformation and Performance	\$110,591
Service Delivery Operations	\$510,287
Rehabilitation and Compliance	\$290,941
Health and Service Delivery Reform	\$92,362
Participation, Families and Older Australians	\$128,154
Enabling Services	\$170,655
Other	\$155, 546
TOTAL	\$1,607,450

- b) Taxis are used for staff travelling for departmental business (for example, to attend departmental meetings) and for travel relating to staff attendance at conferences and seminars. Taxi services are used for official purposes only. For Rehabilitation and Compliance Group, taxi costs also include provision of transport to assist job seekers find employment.