

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Taxi Costs

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- 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:

- a) The department spent a total of \$938,464 of expenditure on taxi travel from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014. The breakdown by business group is given below.

| Business Group | Total |
|---|------------------|
| Executive and Audit | \$22,586 |
| Service Delivery Transformation & Performance | \$123,972 |
| Service Delivery Operations | \$281,959 |
| Social Services | \$97,196 |
| Enabling Services | \$137,268 |
| Health and Information | \$203,807 |
| Chief Information Officer | \$71,676 |
| TOTAL | \$938,464 |

- 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 Health and Information Group, taxi costs also include provision of transport to assist job seekers find employment.