

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Taxi Costs

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**Senator:** McKenzie

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#### **Question:**

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date?
- b) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- c) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

#### **Answer:**

- a) From 1 July 2011, the Department of Human Services included the former agencies of Centrelink, Medicare Australia, the Child Support Program and CRS Australia.  
The department spent a total of \$2,951,279 on taxis from 1 July 2011 to 31 March 2012.
- b) The breakdown of expenditure by business groups is given below.

<b>Department of Human Services</b>	
<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Chief Information Officer Group	165,404
DHS Executive and Audit	9,413
Customer Service Delivery Group	1,190,739
Future Services, Rehabilitation and Compliance Group (including CRS Australia)	517,119
Strategy Group	84,626
Health and Service Delivery Reform Group	152,575
Participation, Families and Older Australians Group	198,765
Enabling Services Group	309,564
Other	323,074
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,951,279</b>

- c) Taxis are used for staff travelling on 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 CRS Australia, taxi costs also include provision of transport to assist job seekers find employment.