

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 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?
- c) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- d) What are the reasons for these taxi costs?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services spent a total of \$953,267 on taxi travel from 1 July to 31 October 2012. The breakdown of expenditure by business group is given below:

<i>Business Group</i>	<i>Total \$</i>
DHS Executive and Audit	3,002
Chief Information Officer Group	83,365
Service Delivery Transformation and Performance	56,760
Service Delivery Operations	322,003
Rehabilitation and Compliance	150,276
Health and Service Delivery Reform Group	51,791
Participation, Families and Older Australians Group	80,780
Enabling Services Group	113,728
Other	91,562
Total	953,267

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

c) The Department spent a total of \$3,908,137 on taxi travel in 2011-12. The breakdown of expenditure by business group is given below:

<i>Business Group</i>	<i>Total \$</i>
DHS Executive and Audit	13,647
Chief Information Officer Group	241,385
Customer Service Delivery Group	1,477,456
Future Services and Compliance Group	730,720
Health and Service Delivery Reform Group	189,413
Participation, Families and Older Australians Group	313,125
Enabling Services Group	423,607
Other	518,784
Total	3,908,137

d) 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 Future Services and Compliance Group, taxi costs also include provision of transport to assist job seekers find employment.