

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 168

**Topic:** Taxi costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

- 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) For the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, the Department's expenditure on taxis was \$221,975 (GST exclusive).

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of taxi costs by business groups without significant diversion of Departmental resources.

- b) Taxis are used for staff travelling for official purposes only.