

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Taxi Costs

**Question reference number:** HS 137

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period?  
Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?
- c) How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

- a) The department spent a total of \$840 481 on taxi travel from Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014. The breakdown by business group is given below:

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Executive and Audit	6,588
Service Delivery Transformation	76,670
Service Delivery Operations	316,230
Social Services	92,035
Enabling Services	95,600
Chief Information Officer Group	85,143
Health, Compliance and Information Group	168,215
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>840,481</b>

- b) Taxi services are used for official business purposes where it is more economical and efficient than maintaining a large fleet of vehicles. Taxis are often the only form of transport available where car hire or public transport is not an option (for example in rural and remote communities or during natural disaster recovery work) or to provide transport to assist job seekers to find employment.
- c) Nil.