

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 383**

**Program No: Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

**Answer:**

- 1 & 2. Australia Post spent a total of \$1.0m on taxis from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 for business-related purposes. The specific details sought about taxi costs across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.
3. Australia Post did not spend any money on taxis during the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 for Shareholder Minister's or their respective Offices.