

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 652

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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. From 1 June to 30 November 2014, the ABC spent \$1,439,000 on vehicle related expenses. Any amounts paid to an employee for the use of the employee's private vehicle, which are minimal, are also included in this figure. A breakdown by department is as follows:

By Division	1st June 2014 to 30th November 2014
\$A(k)	
ABC Commercial	43
ABC Resources	34
Business Services/COO/Board/MD	35
Capital Works	46
ABC International	34
Corporate Affairs	24
Corporate Wide Initiatives	1
Editorial Policies	5
Innovation	22
Legal	5
News	596
ABC People	18
Radio	257
Technology	57
Communication Networks	5
Television	223
Audience & Marketing	33
TOTAL	1,439

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2. There are a number of reasons for expenditure on taxi services, these include:
 - Travel to and from the airport where the employee is travelling on approved ABC business;
 - Travel to and from meetings where the employee is representing the ABC;
 - Complying with WH&S requirements;
 - Emergency situation or where extenuating circumstances apply and the use of a taxi has been approved by the relevant manager; and
 - Circumstances specified in the various employment agreements, particularly in relation to after hour work.

All expenditure on taxis must comply with the Corporation's Taxi Policy.

3. Not applicable.