

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 282

Topic: Taxi Costs (ASIC)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

282. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

a) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

282. From 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014, ASIC spent \$153,475.80 on taxis. The effort required to provide a listing of taxi costs by business group would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile the data.

- a) ASIC incurs taxi costs for official business reasons such as:
- travel during investigations (travel to court, to collect evidence, etc);
 - employee transport around approved overtime or other outside "core office hours" work arrangements; and
 - airport transfers (domestic and international) to attend conferences, training, seminars and work at other ASIC offices.