

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: AET 245-247**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

245. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

246. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

247. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

245. The total cost of taxi travel for the period 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016 was \$374,081.77 (exclusive of GST). The ABS is unable to provide a breakdown for each business group.

246. All taxi costs are incurred for business purposes.

247. Nil.