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Department/Agency: ASIC
Question: AET 260-262
Topic: Taxi Costs
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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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

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

261. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

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

Answer:

260. From 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016, ASIC spent \$308,978 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.

261. 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.

262. ASIC has not incurred any costs on taxis for the minister or minister's office.