

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question: BET 549**

**Topic:                   Taxi Costs**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

549. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date\*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

*\*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

**Answer:**

549. As at 31 May 2013, ASIC had spent \$554,894 on taxis. ASIC does not report expenditure per business group.
- a. ASIC incurs taxi costs for the following reasons:
    - travel during investigations (travel to court, to collect evidence, etc);
    - airport transfers (domestic and international) to attend conferences, training, seminars and work at other ASIC offices; and
    - employee transport around approved overtime or other outside "core office hours" work arrangements.