Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: APRA

Question: BET 1759 **Topic:** Taxi costs

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

- 1759. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date*?
 - a) Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
 - b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?
 - * period 26 February to 12 June 2014.

Answer:

- 1759. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) records taxi costs as part of Domestic Local Transport costs, which is made up of costs associated with short term hire cars, taxis, trains, buses, trams, tolls, parking, and use of private vehicles within Australia. The cost of Domestic Local Transport for the period 26 February to 12 June 2014 was \$39,679.60.
 - a) Provision of a detailed breakdown would not be an efficient and effective use of resources.
 - b) APRA staff are expected to attend business and other meetings as part of performing their responsibilities. These are working expenses.