

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ASIC

Question: BET 1925

Topic: Taxi Costs

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: LUDWIG

Question:

1925. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget 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?

Answer:

1925. From 26 February 2014 to 12 June 2014, ASIC spent \$181,041.82 on taxis.
- a) The effort required to provide a listing of taxi costs by business group would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile the data.
 - b) 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.