

Department/ Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: BET 2091

Topic: Taxi Costs

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2091. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
- Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
 - What are the reasons for taxi costs

Answer:

2091. From 1 March to 31 May 2014, the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) spent \$1,054,958 (GST exclusive) on taxis.

a. Table 1: 2013-14 Summary of Taxi Fares by ATO Business Group

ATO Business Groups	1 March to 31 May 2014 (\$) (GST exclusive)
Compliance	351,138
People, Systems and Services	602,019
Law Design and Practice	58,292
Tax Practitioners Board	22,228
Australian Valuation Office	4,938
Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission	16,343
Total	1,054,958

- The ATO is a large national organisation that is located around Australia with over 80 per cent of staff located outside of Canberra. There is a need for the ATO to connect with the community, businesses, tax professionals and staff, requiring travel for a number of employees in the course of their ordinary duties. Taxi costs are incurred in the process of undertaking this official travel.