

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question: SBT 1595-1596**

**Topic: Taxi Costs (ASIC)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1595. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
1596. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
- a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1595. As at 31 October 2012, ASIC has spent \$241,128 on taxis.
- a. The reasons behind taxi costs would broadly fit into the below categories:
- Airport transfers (domestic and international) – to attend conferences, training, seminars and work at other ASIC offices;
  - To return home for employees working late/overtime;
  - Travel incurred during investigations (travel to court, to collect evidence, etc).
1596. In 2011-2012, ASIC spent \$632,515 on taxis.
- a. Refer to answer 1595 (a) above.