

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBT 718

Topic: Taxi Costs

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

718.

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

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- a) From 1 September to 30 November 2013, ASIC spent \$153,267.23 on taxis. 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:
 - o travel during investigations (travel to court, to collect evidence, etc);
 - o airport transfers (domestic and international) to attend conferences, training, seminars and work at other ASIC offices; and
 - o employee transport around approved overtime or other outside "core office hours" work arrangements.