

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014
22 October to 23 October 2014

Department/ Agency: ASIC

Question: SBT 1772-1773

Topic: Taxi Costs

Reference: Written – 31 October 2014

Senator: LUDWIG

Question:

1772. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period?
- a. Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
 - b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
1773. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

1772. From 13 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, ASIC spent \$298,097 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.
1773. Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, ASIC has not incurred any costs on taxis for the minister or minister's office.