

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 382-383**

**Topic: Taxi/Uber costs**

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**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Taxis

Since 1 January 2015:

382 How much did each department/agency spend on taxis/Uber during the specified period?

- a) provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for uber/taxi costs?

383 How much did the department spend on uber/taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

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(a) The Treasury's expenditure on taxis/Uber from 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2015 is provided in the table below:

| <b>Group</b>        | <b>Amount (\$'000)</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Macroeconomic Group | 35                     |
| Fiscal Group        | 23                     |
| Revenue Group       | 44                     |
| Markets Group       | 67                     |
| Corporate Group *   | 69                     |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>238</b>             |

(b) The majority of taxi/Uber costs relate to the transportation of departmental staff to meetings, conferences, training and returning home following overtime.

383. Travel undertaken by the Minister or staff employed in the Minister's Office is covered by the relevant entitlements which are administered by the Department of Finance.