

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ASIC

Question: SBT 571-572

Topic: Taxis

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

571. 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?
572. How much did the department spend on uber/taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

571. From 1 January to 31 October 2015, ASIC spent \$528,821 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:
 - o Travel during investigations (travel to court, to collect evidence, etc.);
 - o employee transport around approved overtime or other outside "core office hours" work arrangements; and
 - o Airport transfers (domestic and international) to attend conferences, training, seminars and work at other ASIC offices.
572. ASIC has not incurred any costs on taxis for the minister or minister's office.