

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: APRA**

**Question: SBT 915-916**

**Topic: Taxis**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since 1 January 2015:

915. 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?
916. How much did the department spend on uber/taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

915. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) records uber/taxi costs as part of Domestic Local Transport costs, which is made up of costs associated with short term hire cars, taxis, trains, buses, trams, tolls, parking, and use of private vehicles within Australia. The cost of Domestic Local Transport for the period 1 January to 30 October 2015 was \$161,529.97.
- a) Provision of a detailed breakdown would not be an efficient and effective use of resources.
  - b) APRA staff are expected to attend business and other meetings as part of performing their responsibilities. These are working expenses.
916. APRA does not pay for uber/taxis used by the Minister or the Minister's office.