

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM1493_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Taxi costs

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?"

Answer

During the period 2 June to 31 October 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$175,136.00 on taxis.

Business Group	Cost (\$)
Operations	\$99,150.87
Corporate	\$58,274.92
Office of the FWO and Policy, Media and Communications	\$17,710.21
Total	\$175,136.00

Staff use taxis as part of approved business travel in accordance with the Fair Work Ombudsman's Domestic Travel Policy. The Fair Work Ombudsman's Domestic Travel Policy was tabled in February 2014 as part of the response to EM0323_14.

There was no expenditure on taxis for the Minister or the Minister's office.