

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency – Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1495_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing

Question

WGEA – 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

1. The Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) has spent \$4141.91 on taxis from Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014. The breakdown of costs for each business unit is outlined below.

Business unit	Total taxi spend
Advice and Reporting	Nil.
Education and Innovation	\$1378.06
Operations (including the WGEA's Director)	\$930.36
Public Affairs	\$1101.20
Research	\$732.29

2. Reasons for taxi costs are outlined below:
 - i. staff travel to and from meetings that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
 - ii. staff travel to and from speaking engagements and events that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
 - iii. staff travel to and from WGEA-run workshops interstate;
 - iv. staff travel to and from the airport and hotels when staff are required to go interstate for WGEA business.
3. N/A.