

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Taxi costs

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

- a) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- b) Taxi costs are incurred by staff when travelling for work purposes. Staff may utilise taxis to travel to meetings external to their place of work, or while travelling interstate.