

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Taxi costs

Senator: 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 Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)'s spend on taxis for the period from 24 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 is estimated to be \$43,234 (exclusive of GST). The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by business groups in the APSC:

Corporate and Executive	\$7,607
Strategic Centre for Leadership, Learning and Development	\$6,887
Workplace Relations	\$1,427
Client Engagement	\$7,907
Remuneration Tribunal	\$6,491
Employment Policy and Participation	\$8,371
Ethics	\$520
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$4,023
Total	\$43,233

- b) Taxis are used as ground transport on a best value for money basis i.e. alternative to public transport, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office. Taxis are also used for transportation to and from airports associated with official travel.