

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Taxi costs - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

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:

Responses from Indigenous Affairs Agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio are provided below:

Portfolio Agency	Amount \$	Business Group	Reasons for taxi costs
Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL)	7,157.18		(a) AHL has spent a total of \$7,157.18 on taxi costs to provide transport to general staff member and senior executive staff for various site visits and business travel. (b) Most AHL sites are located in regional and remote areas where there is no public transport available and this is considered the most practical and economical form of transport.
Anindilyakwa Land Council	\$776 (GST Exclusive)		Taxi fares incurred for travel between airports, accommodation and business meetings / conferences / training.
Central Land Council	\$4,811		Incidental to approved travel.

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Indigenous Business Australia	\$40,925	Equity and Investments \$10,071 Home Ownership \$7,058 Business Development and Assistance \$15,341 Support Services \$8,455	Taxis are used by staff in the provision of client service delivery, business development and supporting operations nationally.
Indigenous Land Corporation	\$23,352.49		Taxi costs are in connection with staff travel such as to and from the airport to the office or home and to attend meetings.
Northern Land Council	Current information not available.		
Outback Stores	\$2,605.23		Store Visits and Store Managers and Support Staff Travel.
Tiwi Land Council	Nil.		
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$5,040		Taxis are used when staff are away from Thursday Island.
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Nil.		