

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates – May 2014

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Taxi costs

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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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) Breakdown of taxi costs by business group:

Business Group:	Spend 1/03/2014 - 31/05/2014
Executive/Household	3,171
Honours	251
Corporate	2,279
Total	5,701

b) Taxis are primarily used by staff on official duty for the Office and by Honorary Aides-de-Camp representing the Governor-General on official occasions.