

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Taxi costs**

Question: **283**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014

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. Breakdown for each business group between 26 May to 30 September 2014.

Division	Amount
Building Management Division	\$1,675.18
Information Communication & Technology (ICT) Division	\$1,284.76
Operations Division	\$1,274.95
Parliamentary Experience Branch	\$413.54
Parliamentary Library	\$3,513.66
Parliamentary Recording and Reporting Branch	\$12,787.90
Office of the Secretary	\$1,492.04
Grand Total	\$22,442.03

2. Taxi costs are incurred for travel:
 - to and from Canberra Airport when travelling on official business;
 - to and from a destination airport to an official business venue or official business accommodation;
 - to and from official accommodation to a venue (if accommodation is not reasonably close to the venue);
 - to official activities (local and interstate) when transporting support equipment (e.g. broadcasting recording equipment, projectors, personal computers, etc.) where taxi travel is the most cost-effective method;
 - between Parliament House and a local venue where the employee is required to attend an official meeting or other official business; or
 - when the employee is “on call” and may be required to return to Parliament House outside of normal office hours.
3. Nil