

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/082) - Taxi Costs - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

"Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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?

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*Answer:*

1. The following table itemises departmental taxi hire costs for each business group from 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016

<b>Business Area</b>	<b>1 Sep 2015 - 31 Jan 2016</b>
Strategic Reform Group	\$ 3 218
Policy Group	\$ 183 766
Corporate Group	\$ 196 585
Intelligence and Capability Group	\$ 145 103
Visa and Citizenship Services Group	\$ 334 066
ABF Support Group	\$ 721 685
ABF Operations Group	\$ 437 590
Central Expenses Group	\$ 91 445
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2 113 458</b>

NOTE: These domestic hire costs include taxis and minibus hire

2. Factors contributing to taxi expenditure in the department include:
  - travel between meetings with other departments, agencies and stakeholders
  - travel between accommodation and work on business trips
  - travel to and from airports on business trips and
  - employees located in national, state and territory offices travelling between offices to attend training, conferences and workshops.
3. The Department did not incur any expenditure on taxis for the Minister, Assistant Minister or their offices for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.