

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/171

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The portfolio's response is provided below. In some cases, it is not possible to separately account for taxis and car hire to disaggregate the balances, or to identify business units for the expenditure.

Attorney-General's Department

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$530,665*	Executive	\$8,993
	Civil Justice & Legal Services Group	\$132,888
	Strategic Policy & Coordination Group	\$25,538
	National Security & Criminal Justice Group	\$150,036

*included in the total spend figure is \$213,210 for taxis or car hire for the delivery of programs administered by the department. It is not possible to provide a breakdown for each business unit for this amount.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

\$35,381.

Australian Crime Commission

November 2013 – May 2014

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$ 153,119	Business Group 1 Operations	\$51,215
	Business Group 2 Strategy & Specialist Capabilities	\$75,746
	Business Group 3 Corporate Services	\$26,158

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
\$10,715.

Australian Federal Police
1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$258,502	ACT Policing	\$10,010
	Chief Operating Officer	\$23,855
	National Security	\$103,420
	Operations	\$53,008
	Operations Support	\$68,209

Australian Financial Security Authority
\$83,972.

Australian Human Rights Commission

Total spend (GST ex)	Business Unit	Amount (GST ex)
\$38,906*	President, Commissioner's & Support	\$19,008
	Conciliation & Investigation Services	\$3,532
	International Programs Unit	\$1,044
	Other Units	\$15,322

*Of the amount identified \$7,123 was fully cost recovered under fee for service arrangements including:
\$2,633 related to activities on behalf of the ADF for the Defence Force Review
\$1,044 related to activities on behalf of AUSAID for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs

Australian Institute of Criminology
\$10,650.

Australian Law Reform Commission
\$8,812.

Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation

The information sought is not readily available as taxi costs are not separately recorded in ASIO's financial recording system. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide this information.

AUSTRAC
\$58,080.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
\$84,363.

CrimTrac
\$13,556 (GST ex).

Family Court and Federal Circuit Court

\$288,468 (GST ex).

Federal Court of Australia

\$14,697.

High Court of Australia

\$20,953 (GST ex).

National Archives of Australia

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount (GST inc)
\$24,126	Executive	\$1,887
	Access & Communications	\$4,513
	Collection Management	\$4,065
	Government Information Assurance & Policy	\$2,126
	Executive & Information Services	\$3,506
	Corporate Services	\$1,401
	State Offices	\$6,628

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount (GST ex)
\$9,238 (GST ex)	Executive	\$4,271
	Regulation and Strategy	\$3,721
	Dispute Resolution:	\$926
	Corporate Support and Communication	\$320

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

\$1,214.

Australia Council for the Arts

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$135,520	Arts Funding	\$37,308
	Arts Development	\$36,954
	Office of the CEO	\$27,029
	Arts Organisations	\$18,181
	ATSIA Corporate Resources	\$13,048

Australian Film Television and Radio School

\$12,327.

Australian National Maritime Museum

Total spend (GST ex)	Business Unit	Amount (GST ex)
\$18,013	Commercial and Visitor Services	\$3,668
	Public Engagement and Research	\$5,444
	Operations	\$2,258
	Exec Fin Government	\$6,643

Bundanon Trust

\$2,320.

Creative Partnerships Australia

\$18,347.

Museum of Australian Democracy / Old Parliament House

\$6,175. (GST ex).

National Gallery of Australia

\$56,209

National Film and Sound Archive of Australia

\$24,025.

National Museum of Australia

\$18,334 (GST ex).

National Library of Australia

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$15,733	Collections Management	\$2,346
	Australian Collections and Reader Services	\$1,765
	Resource Sharing	\$2,905
	Information Technology	\$1,440
	Executive Support and Public Programs	\$6,890
	Corporate Services	\$387

National Portrait Gallery of Australia

Total spend	Business Unit	Amount
\$12,654	Executive	\$2,913
	Business, Governance & Finance	\$4,878
	Facilities & Building Services	\$200
	Collection Mngt & Display (inc Exhibitions)	\$2,086
	Development & Communications	\$1,120
	Curatorial	\$759
	Access & Learning	\$698

Screen Australia

\$59,790.

2. For the Attorney-General's Department and each agency in the portfolio, taxis are used as a means of transport when appropriate for work-related travel or otherwise to attend work-related meetings or events.