

ATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Group: 1**

**Program: Whole-of-Portfolio**

**Question No. SBE14/133**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.**

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?

**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 taxi and car hire, or to identify business units for the expenditure.
2. Taxis are used as a means of transport when appropriate for work-related travel or otherwise to attend work-related meetings or events.
3. Between the period 31 May 2014 and 11 December 2014 (inclusive), the Department spent approximately \$54,860 on taxis (including Comcar and other taxi services) for the ministers and their offices.

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Business Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Attorney-General's Department	Executive	\$5,339.71	\$700,890.50 (this figure is for car hire and taxis)
	Civil Justice & Legal Services Group	\$332,073.08	
	Strategic Policy & Coordination Group	\$78,670.66	
	National Security & Criminal Justice Group	\$284,807.05	
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$29,522		
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Executive	\$4,395.28	\$23,084.52
	Secretariat Branch	\$6,254.58	
	Operations Branch	\$12,434.66	
Australia Council for the Arts	Arts Development	\$29,802	\$173,094
	Arts Funding	\$41,655	
	Arts Organisation	\$23,268	
	ATSIA	\$17,401	
	Office of the CEO	\$53,635	
	Corporate Resources	\$7,333	

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Business Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Australian Crime Commission	Business Group 1 Operations	\$52,892.29	\$155,373.84
	Business Group 2 Strategy and Specialist Capabilities	\$75,746.14	
	Business Group 3 Corporate Services	\$26,735.41	
Australian Federal Police	ACT Policing	\$ 7,253	\$ 562,779
	Chief Operating Officer	\$ 54,692	
	National Security	\$ 237,315	
	Operations	\$ 164,534	
	Operations Support	\$ 98,982	
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	\$15,116.70		
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$71,266.80		
Australian Human Rights Commission	President, Commissioner's and Support Units	\$39,887	\$76,460 \$10,012 was fully cost recovered under fee for service arrangement including: \$4,425 related to activities on behalf of DFAT (AUSAID) for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs, and \$5,587 related to activities on behalf of the ADF for the Defence Force Review
	Conciliation & Investigation Services	\$3,375	
	International Program Unit	\$4,425	
	Other Units	\$28,773	
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$15,345		
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$ 8,594		
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$35,943		
Australian Security Intelligence Organsiation	The information sought is not readily available as taxi costs are not separately recorded in ASIO's financial recording system. The resources required to manually check each record to identify and collate the information are considered unreasonable.		
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	\$98,770		

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Business Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bundanon Trust		\$1,856	
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions		\$89,707.55	
Creative Partnerships Australia		\$13,891	
CrimTrac Agency	Chief Executive Office	\$2,432.12	\$31,296.59
	Chief Operating Office	\$8,868.19	
	Chief Information Office	\$19,996.28	
Family Court of Australia & Federal Circuit Court		\$264,500 (this figure is for car hire and taxis)	
Federal Court of Australia		\$119,802	
High Court of Australia		\$24,373.00	
Museum of Australian Democracy/Old Parliament House		\$6,926	
National Archives of Australia	Executive	\$4,022.05	44,252.30
	Access & Communications	\$10,254.42	
	Collection Management	\$7,901.16	
	Government Information, Assurance and Policy	\$7,021.16	
	Executive & Information Services	\$3,015.40	
	Corporate Services	\$1,847.84	
	State Offices	\$10,190.27	
National Film and Sound Archive		\$23,371.07	
National Gallery of Australia		\$30,817	
National Library of Australia		\$17,609	
National Museum of Australia		\$32,701	
National Portrait Gallery of Australia		\$9,465	
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Executive	\$10,942	\$14,888.46
	Dispute Resolution	\$334	
	Regulation and Strategy	\$3,494.46	
	Corporate Communications	\$118	
Office of Parliamentary Counsel		\$1,476	
Screen Australia		\$50,828.43	