

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
 Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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.

a) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

Department of the Environment (the Department)

The Department spent \$101,300 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business Group	Amount \$
Australian Antarctic Division	32,421
Adaptation and Science Division	664
Biodiversity Conservation Division	17,546
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	4,329
Corporate Strategies Division	4,935
Department wide Fixed/Non-discretionary	114
Emissions Reduction Fund Taskforce	1,173
Environment Quality Division	8,325
Environment Assessment and Compliance	7,916
Executive Division	820
International and Land Division	1,422
Office of Water Science	376
Parks Australia	778
Policy and Communications Division	8,678
Supervising Scientist Division	853
Sustainability, Policy and Analysis Division	3,454
Water Efficiency Division	124
Water Reform Division	2,630
Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division	4,742
Total	101,300

a) Taxis are used as cost effective transport for official business purposes.

Director of National Parks

The Director spent \$3,834 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Parks Executive	455
Parks Operations and Strategic Partnerships Branch	31
Parks and Biodiversity Science Branch	509
Parks Business and Policy Branch	812
Commonwealth Marines Reserves	2,027
Total	3,834

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Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)

The Bureau spent \$142,199 (GST inclusive) from 7 September to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Research and Systems	36,242
Weather Services	26,066
Climate and Water	45,115
Corporate	34,776
Total	142,199

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Clean Energy Regulator (the Regulator)

The Regulator spent \$16,598 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Office of the Chair and CEO	4,103
Renewables and Carbon Farming	7,062
Reporting and Carbon Market	4,418
General Counsel	534
Operations	481
Total	16,598

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Climate Change Authority (the Authority)

The Authority spent \$5,577 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Authority Members	1,282
Authority Staff	4,295
Total	5,577

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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority)

The Authority total spent \$25,008 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Chairman's Office	1,591
Strategic Policy and Reef Stewardship	8,119
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use	4,157
Great Barrier Reef Operations	11,141
Total	25,008

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Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority)

The Authority spent \$17,596 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
River Management	3,628
Environmental Management	2,815
Policy and Planning	5,153
Corporate Services	6,000
Total	17,596

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National Water Commission (the Commission)

The Commission spent \$4,501 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Executive and Corporate Services	2,340
Industry and Sustainability	1,221
Planning and Evaluation	940
Total	4,501

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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust)

The Trust spent \$2,276 (GST inclusive) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.

Business group	Amount \$
Board	1,083
Executive	569
Corporate Services	459
Marketing	100
Property and Business Development	65
Total	2,276

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