

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
 Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
 Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Taxi Costs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI-203

How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.  
 What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**ANSWER**

Taxi costs at the department and agency level have been provided as a breakdown of taxi costs by business group would involve a significant diversion of departmental and agency resources. Please refer to AI-249 for costs for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. Figures in the following table are for the period 1 March 2012 to 31 May 2012.

<b>DEPARTMENT/AGENCY</b>	<b>1 MARCH TO 31 MAY 2012 (GST EXCLUSIVE)</b>	<b>REASON FOR TAXI COSTS</b>
Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE)	\$285,523	Business related travel
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	\$9,232	Business related travel
Australian Institute of Marine Science <sup>^</sup>	\$18,889	Business related travel
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	\$9,034	Business related travel
Australian Research Council	\$1,874	Business related travel
Australian Skills Quality Authority*	\$107,682	Business related travel
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	\$540,213	Business related travel
IP Australia	\$38,744	Business related travel
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency*	\$33,804	Business related travel

<sup>^</sup> Due to reporting requirements financial year figures have been provided.

\* ASQA and TEQSA joined the portfolio in December 2011 due to Machinery of Government changes. As a result financial year data to 31 May has been provided.