

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2012
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Taxi costs

Senator: Ryan

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How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

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.

Answer:

In 2010-11, the Office spent \$14,679.36 on taxis, comprising \$11,879 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$191 for Honours and Awards Branch, and \$2,609 for Corporate Services Branch.

In 2009-10, the Office spent \$15,076 on taxis, comprising \$10,196 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$387 for Honours and Awards Branch, and \$4,493 for Corporate Services Branch.

In the years prior to 2009-10, the cost of taxis was not recorded as a separate expense within the Office's finance system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile such information.

To date in 2011-12, the Office has spent \$6,025 on taxis, comprising \$5,216 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$393 for Honours and Awards Branch and \$416 for Corporate Services Branch.