

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

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

Answer:

1. The spend on taxis for the Australian Public Service Commission this financial year to date (31 January 2013) was \$73,742 exclusive of GST. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by Business Groups for that period.

Corporate and Executive	\$9,295
Strategic Centre	\$3,697
Workplace Relations	\$3,638
Client Engagement	\$14,085
Remuneration Tribunal	\$2,945
Employment Policy and Participation	\$13,366
Ethics	\$1,841
Agency Capability Reviews	\$6,452
Workforce Participation	\$4,483
Professional Development and Diversity Services	\$11,605
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$2,336

2. Taxis are used as ground transport, on a best value for money basis i.e. alternative to public transport, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office. Taxis are also used for transportation to and from airports associated with official travel.