

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. 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.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)'s spend on taxis for the period from 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 is estimated to be \$34,681 (exclusive of GST). The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by business groups in the APSC:

Corporate and Executive	\$5,149
Strategic Centre for Leadership, Learning and Development	\$6,932
Workplace Relations	\$1,171
Client Engagement	\$6,492
Remuneration Tribunal	\$4,668
Employment Policy and Participation	\$2,845
Ethics	\$1,057
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$6,367
Total	\$34,681

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.