

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Additional Estimates - February 2014**

**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:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 188

**Type of Question:** Written

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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 Office spent \$4,539 on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. This comprised \$3,162 for Executive and Protocol Branch and \$1,377 for Corporate Services Branch.
2. Taxis are primarily used by staff on official duty for the Office and for Honorary Aides-de-Camp representing the Governor-General on official ceremonial occasions.