

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

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 of 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 for this financial year to date exclusive of GST is \$133,683. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by Business Groups for that period.

Corporate and Executive	\$23,612
Strategic Centre	\$3,710
Workplace Relations	\$9,579
Client Engagement	\$34,842
Remuneration Tribunal	\$5,723
Employment Policy	\$3,604
Ethics	\$4,414
Agency Capability Reviews	\$1,218
Workforce Participation	\$20,714
Professional Service Development	\$21,114
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$5,153

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.