

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates - May 2013

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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Type of Question: Written

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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.

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

This FYTD (as at 31 May 2013) the Office spent \$15,657 on taxis. This comprised \$12,198 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$100 for Honours and Awards Branch and \$3,360 for Corporate Services Branch.

Taxis are primarily used by staff on official duty for the Office and for Honorary Aides-de-Camp representing the Governor-General on official occasions.