

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate

Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Questions

- 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.**

Answer

Taxi costs	2011-12
	\$
Clerks' Office	314.28
Table Office	786.24
Procedure Office	655.86
Committee Office	2409.81
Senate Services	340.11
Total	4,506.30

- 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?**

Answer

Taxi costs attributed to the Department of the Senate are business related travel, primarily in connection with committee meetings and hearings. Other costs are associated with fieldwork for the parliamentary education office program, and provision of taxis to employees required to work extended hours outside the standard core business times during sitting periods.