

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 83

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:

Taxi Costs

For this financial year to date:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. 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.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

See tables below.

Federal Court of Australia

1.	The Federal Court of Australia spent the amounts on taxis in the Years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11				
	Business Group	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	Judges	\$14,362	\$20,612	\$20,342	\$10,137
	Judges staff	\$56,343	\$42,107	\$39,223	\$43,289
	Registry staff	\$109,566	\$52,054	\$57,614	\$57,851
	Total	\$177,261	\$114,773	\$117,179	\$111,277
2.	Business Group	2011-12			
	Judges	\$6,558			
	Judges staff	\$26,512			
	Registry staff	\$38,392			
	Total	\$72,462			

Australian Law reform Commission

1.	Taxi expenditure for program 1 is as follows: 2007-08 \$6830.21, 2008-09 \$5584.58, 2009-10 \$10522.13, 2010-11 \$9772.30
2.	\$5157.49

Attorney Generals Department

1.	The Department accounts for taxis and car hire together and does not disaggregate the balances:				
<u>Total spend for taxis and car hire for 2007-08: \$855,329.03</u>					
Executive	Civil Justice & Legal Services Group	National Security & Criminal Justice Group	Strategic Policy & Coordination Group	Ministers	
\$1,933.70	\$183,362.54	\$487,202.72	\$100,970.41	\$81,859.66	
<u>Total spend for taxis and car hire for 2008-09: \$796,775.87 *</u>					
Executive	CJLSG	NSCJG	SPCG	Ministers	
\$6,683.86	\$228,776.97	\$443,164.59	\$48,682.80	\$69,468.37	
<u>Total spend for taxis and car hire for 2009-10: \$594,361.10 *</u>					
Executive	CJLSG	NSCJG	SPCG	Ministers	
\$8,386.80	\$176,759.67	\$267,725.54	\$58,743.73	\$82,745.16	
<u>Total spend for taxis and car hire for 2010-11: \$607,130.82</u>					
Executive	CJLSG	NSCJG	SPCG	Ministers	
\$9,336.94	\$162,865.38	\$302,204.66	\$48,003.68	\$84,720.16	
*These are revised figures to those provided previously					
2.	Total spend for taxis and car hire for current financial year to 28 February 2012: \$350,934.28				
Executive	CJLSG	NSCJG	SPCG	Ministers	
\$8,996.75	\$92,574.80	\$190,115.46	\$29,723.93	\$29,523.34	

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)

1.	2010-11 - \$164,000 2009-10 - \$152,000 2008-09 - \$183,000 2007-08 - \$212,500 These amounts exclude expenditure on taxis on behalf of clients which is subsequently reimbursed. AGS is a single business group.
2.	For the financial year 2011-12 to 29 February 2012 - \$105,500 This amount excludes expenditure on taxis on behalf of clients which is subsequently reimbursed. AGS is a single business group.

Australian Human Rights Commission

1.	07/08	\$109,778 GST Inclusive Total	President & Commissioners' Units Complaint Handling Unit Other Units	\$70,794 \$17,355 \$21,629* *\$4,331 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program and fully cost recovered from AUSAID.
	08/09	\$119,536 GST Inclusive Total	President & Commissioners' Units Complaint Handling Unit Other Units	\$80,120 \$16,946 \$22,470* *\$5,496 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program and fully cost recovered from AUSAID.
	09/10	\$123,875 GST Inclusive Total	President & Commissioners' Units Complaint Handling Unit Other Units	\$88,923 \$15,670 \$19,283* *\$5,685 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program

				and fully cost recovered from AUSAID.
	10/11	\$102,775 GST Inclusive Total	President & Commissioners' Units Complaint Handling Unit Other Units	\$56,458 \$16,856 \$29,460* *\$10,550 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program and fully cost Recovered from AUSAID.
2.	11/12 YTD	\$74,269 GST Inclusive Total	President & Commissioners' Units Complaint Handling Unit Other Units	\$47,177 \$10,114 \$16,978* *\$1021.00 of this is related to the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program and fully cost recovered from AUSAID.

Family Court of Australia

The Family Court of Australia account for Taxi fares, public parking and public transport as one general ledger expenditure item. The Court does not have the necessary resources to split this expenditure item. The vast majority of this expenditure item is made up of Taxi fares. YTD January figures have been used as processing of the YTD February Ledger was still in progress at the time the response to this QON was being completed.

1.	Program 1.1 Provision of a Family Court 2007-08 \$223,656 2008-09 \$161,886 2009-10 \$144,667 2010-11 \$154,406
2.	2011-12 YTD Jan 2012 \$68,278

Federal Magistrates Court

The Federal Magistrates Court account for Taxi fares, public parking and public transport as one general ledger expenditure item. The Court does not have the necessary resources to split this expenditure item. The vast majority of this expenditure item is made up of Taxi fares. YTD January figures have been used as processing of the YTD February Ledger was still in progress at the time the response to this QON was being completed. Note that detailed financial records are not available for 2007/08 as the corporate functions are now being provided by the Family Court of Australia as of the 1st of January 2009.

1.	Program 1.1 Provision of a Federal Magistrates court 2008-09 \$139,551 2009-10 \$71,568 2010-11 \$67,513
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2.	2011-12 YTD Jan 2012 \$37,440
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Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

1.	The OAIC was established on 1 November 2010. Therefore, information relating to financial years 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10 is not provided.		
	10/11 GST Inclusive Total \$29264.00	Compliance Branch Operations Branch Policy Branch Executive	\$9391.02 \$5029.88 \$6527.72 \$8315.38
2.	Please refer to table below.		
	11/12 YTD GST Inclusive Total \$12707.00	Compliance Branch Operations Branch Policy Branch Executive	\$2626.19 \$2198.33 \$2570.33 \$5312.43

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

1.	The Administrative Appeals Tribunal is a single program agency. The following expenditure represent total program spend inclusive of GST. 2007-08 \$46,930.08 2008-09 \$31,316.49 2009-10 \$42,144.49 2010-11 \$45,869.73
2.	2011-12 to 29 February 2012 \$25,589.14

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)

1.	2007-08	\$482,412.42
	2008-09	\$246,542.34
	2009-10	\$162,273.41
	2010-11	\$201,743.10
2.	\$105,580.35	

CrimTrac

1.	CrimTrac expenditure (excl. GST) on taxis was: 2007-08 \$59,650.00 2008-09 \$67,187.00 2009-10 \$58,350.00 2010-11 \$52,318.00 The expenditure shown above is by program. CrimTrac has one program.
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2.	CrimTrac expenditure (excl. GST) on taxis for January 2012 financial year to date is: Chief Executive Officer Business Group \$1,360.02 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Business Group \$5,624.43 Chief Information Officer Business Group \$8,694.74 Total: \$15,679.19
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1.	FINANCIAL YEAR	TOTAL SPEND (GST Inclusive)	BUSINESS GROUP
	2007-2008	\$7,104.55	Legal: \$1,064.69 Investigations: \$3,008.66 Intelligence: \$393.94 Corporate Services: \$1,074.24 Strategic Support: \$490.19 Executive: \$1,072.83
	2008-2009	\$8,333.79	Legal: \$1,025.59 Investigations: \$1,077.08 Intelligence: \$1,632.38 Corporate Services: \$1,025.79 Strategic Support: \$800.65 Executive: \$2,772.30
	2009-2010	\$16,028.31	Legal: \$951.52 Investigations: \$7,290.48 Intelligence: \$2,256.88 Corporate Services: \$1,520.89 Strategic Support: \$1,081.34 Executive: \$2,927.20
	2010-2011	\$19,146.74	Legal: \$1,135.28 Investigations: \$8,057.78 Intelligence: \$3,106.10 Corporate Services: \$1,629.64

			Strategic Support: \$1,704.18 Executive: \$3,513.77	
2.	Financial Year to Date 29 February 2012	TOTAL SPEND (GST inclusive)	BUSINESS GROUP	
	2011-2012	\$17,473.65	Legal: \$732.45 Investigations: \$10,136.47 Intelligence: \$2,657.06 Corporate Services: \$713.70 Strategic Support: \$1,488.22 Executive: \$1,745.76	

National Native Title Tribunal

1.	The NNTT uses taxis for operational and corporate purposes in most Australian capital cities and a number of towns across Australia. The NNTT's taxi expenditure for the requested financial years is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2007-08 \$80,946• 2008-09 \$70,694• 2009-10 \$73,976• 2010-11 \$42,137
2.	The NNTT's taxi expenditure financial year to date is \$31,413

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

1.	ACC	a) Total spend - taxi	(b) By each business group	
	2007-08	\$409,703	Serious and Organised Crime: \$82,978 Performance and Stakeholder: \$180,906 People and Business Services: \$145,819	
	2008-09	\$327,527	Serious and Organised Crime: \$74,455 Performance and Stakeholder: \$127,513 People and Business Services: \$125,559	
	2009-10	\$366,060	Serious and Organised Crime: \$100,509 Performance and Stakeholder: \$87,817 People and Business Services: \$177,734	
	2010-11	\$433,767	Serious and Organised Crime: \$132,247 Performance and Stakeholder: \$134,523 People and Business Services: \$166,997	
2.	ACC	b) Total spend - taxi	(b) By each business group	
	Year to date as at 29 February 2012	\$136,308	Intervention & Prevention: \$39,024 Fusion, Target Development and Performance \$28,229 People and Business Services: \$69,055	

Australian Institute of Criminology

1.	2007-08 \$19,872.90 2008-09 \$23,935.72 2009-10 \$21,885.76 2010-11 \$19,463.09
2.	2011-12 to 29 Feb 2012 \$13,959.51

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

1.	<p><u>Program 1.1 – 2007-08</u> Information and Registries: \$1,359.97 Regulation and Enforcement: \$50,501.05 Trustee Services: \$9,910.39 Debt Agreement Service: \$4,423.50 Corporate Strategy and Support: \$7,177.68 Projects: \$60,402.36 TOTAL: \$133,774.95</p> <p><u>Program 1.1 – 2008-09</u> Information and Registries: \$271.31 Regulation and Enforcement: \$41,184.26 Trustee Services: \$9,732.94 Debt Agreement Service: \$2,980.31 Corporate Strategy and Support: \$7,796.35 Projects: \$51,220.55 TOTAL: \$113,185.72</p>	<p><u>Program 1.1 – 2009-10</u> National Service Centre: \$166.50 Information and Registries: \$20,269.89 Regulation and Enforcement: \$44,173.86 Trustee Services: \$18,380.38 Corporate Strategy and Support: \$16,213.93 Projects: \$12,267.68 TOTAL: \$111,472.24</p>
2.	<p><u>Program 1.1 – 2011-12 YTD</u> National Service Centre: \$793.23 Information and Registries: \$13,226.44 Regulation and Enforcement: \$19,479.60 Trustee Services: \$14,805.55 Corporate Strategy and Support: \$23,513.27 Corporate Projects: \$2,711.63 TOTAL: \$74,529.72</p>	<p><u>Program 1.2 – 2011-12 YTD</u> PPSR: \$13,811.54 TOTAL: \$13,811.54</p>

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

1.	<p>The total taxi expenditure for Customs and Border Protection for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was \$4,650,884.61. The breakdown by each business group within the agency is provided below:</p> <p>2007-08</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Business Group</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Border Protection Command</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$59,170.06</td></tr> <tr><td>Cargo</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$126,583.21</td></tr> <tr><td>Compliance</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$54,707.69</td></tr> <tr><td>Enforcement & Investigations</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$451,218.10</td></tr> <tr><td>Executive</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5,091.49</td></tr> <tr><td>Financial Services</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$12,812.66</td></tr> <tr><td>Futures</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$66.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Intelligence & Targeting</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$133,146.94</td></tr> <tr><td>International</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$23,021.19</td></tr> <tr><td>IT Division</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$46,275.13</td></tr> <tr><td>Law Enforcement Strategy</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$10,416.04</td></tr> <tr><td>Passenger</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$111,299.10</td></tr> <tr><td>People & Place</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$148,249.90</td></tr> <tr><td>Research & Development</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$54,243.78</td></tr> <tr><td>Trade</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$45,924.63</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,282,226.17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2008-09</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Business Group</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Border Protection Command</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$55,733.63</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Business Group	Total	Border Protection Command	\$59,170.06	Cargo	\$126,583.21	Compliance	\$54,707.69	Enforcement & Investigations	\$451,218.10	Executive	\$5,091.49	Financial Services	\$12,812.66	Futures	\$66.25	Intelligence & Targeting	\$133,146.94	International	\$23,021.19	IT Division	\$46,275.13	Law Enforcement Strategy	\$10,416.04	Passenger	\$111,299.10	People & Place	\$148,249.90	Research & Development	\$54,243.78	Trade	\$45,924.63	Grand Total	\$1,282,226.17	Business Group	Total	Border Protection Command	\$55,733.63
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Border Strategy	\$53,325.62
Cargo	\$112,447.98
Corporate Governance & International Strategy	\$5,734.60
Design & Corporate Projects	\$1,070.23
Enforcement & Investigations	\$236,232.97
Executive	\$2,083.99
Financial Services	\$9,979.98
Integrity & Professional Standards	\$10,892.93
Intelligence & Targeting	\$107,023.14
IT Division	\$17,676.02
Marine Operations Support	\$256,514.83
Passengers	\$106,831.36
People & Place	\$51,328.81
Trade	\$102,781.07
Grand Total	\$1,129,657.16

2009-10

Business Group	Total
Border Protection Command	\$55,249.44
Border Strategy	\$10,147.83
Cargo	\$83,137.77
Corporate Governance & International Strategy	\$11,519.39
Design & Corporate Projects	\$2,417.13
Enforcement & Investigations	\$312,944.04
Executive	\$2,497.18
Financial Services	\$8,711.98
Integrity & Professional Standards	\$7,087.07

Intelligence & Targeting	\$101,170.08
IT Division	\$13,493.67
Legal Services	\$341.10
Marine Operations Support	\$245,873.47
Passengers	\$67,608.95
People & Place	\$96,871.19
Trade	\$90,241.99
Grand Total	\$1,109,312.28

2010-11

Business Group	Total
Border Protection Command	\$36,930.48
Business Intelligence	\$112.11
Cargo	\$74,883.27
Customs Legal Unit	\$45.81
Enforcement & Investigations	\$276,484.67
Executive	\$965.39
Finance & Integrity Division	\$17,468.04
Intelligence & Targeting	\$82,097.62
IT Division	\$14,354.49
Maritime Operations Support	\$240,787.85
Passengers	\$86,246.06

People & Place	\$156,923.77
Strategy, Risk & Coordination	\$51,523.43
Trade & Compliance	\$87,948.52
Trainees	\$2,917.49
Grand Total	\$1,129,689.00

2.

The total taxi expenditure for Customs and Border Protection for this financial year to date, as at 29 February 2012, was \$773,569.76. The breakdown by each business group within the agency is provided below:

2011-12

Business Group	Total
Border Protection Command	\$12,058.43
Cargo	\$52,120.71
Enforcement & Investigations	\$180,368.68
Executive	\$2,816.39
Finance and Integrity Division	\$3,626.74
Intelligence & Targeting	\$60,739.88
International	\$48,825.58
IT Division	\$12,236.24
Law Enforcement Strategy	\$6,466.89
Maritime Operations	\$185,171.99
Passengers	\$73,942.56
People & Place	\$78,691.00
Trade	\$56,504.67
Grand Total	\$773,569.76

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)

1.	The total amount that the CDPP spent on taxis is as follows: 2007-08 \$152,932 (inc GST) 2008-09 \$141,109 (inc GST) 2009-10 \$117,335 (inc GST) 2010-11 \$120,543 (inc GST)
2.	\$85,943 (inc GST)

ASIO

1.	The information sought is not readily available as taxi costs are not separately recorded in ASIO's financial recording system. The resources that would be required to manually check each record to identify and collate the information sought is considered unreasonable.
2.	N/A

High Court of Australia

1.	<p>The High Court of Australia spent \$30,716.11 (excluding GST) on taxis in 2010-11. The taxi expenditure by business group is as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="318 443 712 555"><tr><td>Administration</td><td>\$8,440.00</td></tr><tr><td>Chambers</td><td>\$22,276.11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$30,716.11</td></tr></table> <p>The High Court of Australia spent \$31,030.72 (excluding GST) on taxis in 2009-10. The taxi expenditure by business group is as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="318 675 712 786"><tr><td>Administration</td><td>\$10,463.22</td></tr><tr><td>Chambers</td><td>\$20,567.50</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$31,030.72</td></tr></table> <p>The High Court of Australia spent \$44,513.88 (excluding GST) on taxis in 2008-09. The taxi expenditure by business group is as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="318 906 712 1018"><tr><td>Administration</td><td>\$12,171.04</td></tr><tr><td>Chambers</td><td>\$32,342.84</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$44,513.88</td></tr></table> <p>Obtaining data for 2007-08 by the required timeframe would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p>	Administration	\$8,440.00	Chambers	\$22,276.11	Total	\$30,716.11	Administration	\$10,463.22	Chambers	\$20,567.50	Total	\$31,030.72	Administration	\$12,171.04	Chambers	\$32,342.84	Total	\$44,513.88
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Australian Federal Police

1.		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	Operations Support	\$201,845.33	\$202,214.03	\$273,422.92	\$297,605.25
	Operations	\$233,968.50	\$216,182.48	\$224,854.50	\$247,493.12
	National Security	\$641,722.17	\$479,652.96	\$545,028.46	\$556,821.77
	Chief Operating Officer	\$267,157.24	\$181,617.66	\$212,749.28	\$184,286.66
	ACT Policing	\$28,898.61	\$24,434.86	\$20,355.69	\$30,686.36
	TOTAL	\$1,373,591.85	\$1,104,101.99	\$1,276,410.85	\$1,316,893.16
2.		1 Jul 2011 - 29 Feb 12			
	Operations Support	\$128,717.19			
	Operations	\$145,610.29			
	National Security	\$298,929.70			
	Chief Operating Officer	\$78,952.43			
	ACT Policing	\$11,997.74			
	TOTAL	\$664,207.35			

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

1.	2007-08: \$1,433.43; 2008-09: \$2,760.60; 2009-10: \$2,867.51; 2010-11: \$2,192.40. Single business group.
2.	2011-12 YTD: \$2,323.52. Single business group.