

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0155) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

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:

DIAC

The following table itemises the taxi expenses for particular business areas for the financial year to 31 May 2012.

Business Area	FYTD 31 May 2012 \$'000
Policy and Program Management	248
Business Services	372
Client Services	359
Immigration Status Resolution	507
Independent Protection Assessment Office	147
Office of the MARA	10
Other	172
Total	1 815

Taxis are used for:

- travel between meetings with other departments, agencies and stakeholders;
- travel between accommodation and work on business trips; and
- travel to and from airports on business trips.

MRT-RRT

MRT-RRT incurred taxi costs of \$37,973 for travel to airport for interstate travel and travel to stakeholders' offices.