

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Taxi Costs

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Question:

- a) 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.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services spent a total of \$2,426,166 on taxi travel from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. The breakdown of expenditure by business group is given below.

Business Group	Total Expenditure
Executive and Audit	\$8,870
Chief Information Officer	\$197,264
Service Delivery Transformation and Performance	\$159,085
Service Delivery Operations	\$790,361
Rehabilitation and Compliance	\$471,164
Health and Service Delivery Reform	\$117,504
Participation, Families and Older Australians	\$147,983
Enabling Services	\$235,381
Other	\$298,554
TOTAL	\$2,426,166

- b) Taxis are used for staff travelling for departmental business (for example, to attend departmental meetings) and for travel relating to staff attendance at conferences and seminars. Taxi services are used for official purposes only. For Rehabilitation and Compliance Group, taxi costs also include provision of transport to assist CRS job seekers find employment.