

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 394

**Topic:** Taxi costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** 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:**

For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, the Department's expenditure on taxis was \$268,595 (GST exclusive).

Due to structural reorganisations and movements within groups of the Department throughout this period it is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of taxi costs by business group without significant diversion of Departmental resources.

Taxis are used for staff travelling on Departmental business and for travel relating to staff attendance at conferences and seminars. Taxi services are used for official purposes only.

Information from portfolio agencies is not able to be provided without the use of significant resources.