

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 164(d)**

**Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Taxi Costs**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period?  
Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

- 1 & 2. Australia Post spent a total of \$0.7million on taxis from 1 October 2015 to 29 January 2016 for business-related purposes. The specific details sought about taxi costs across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.
3. Australia Post did not spend any money on taxis during the specified period for Shareholder Ministers or their respective offices.