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Australia Council

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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. Taxi costs by division:

Division	Total (\$)
Arts	14,376
Infrastructure	
Arts Strategy	34,991
Corporate	2,934
Resource	
Grants	16,415
Office of CEO	14,427
Grand total	83,143

2. Taxis are used by both employees and external participants in Australia Council programmes for travel to work-related meetings and events.

3. Not applicable.