Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 491

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Taxi costs

Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on taxis from 25 February 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each Department/Agency.
- 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

- 1. TUSMA has issued a contract notice with Cabcharge Australia Pty Ltd for Cabcharge Cards and E-ticket vouchers. Details of this contract are available on the Austender website: www.tenders.gov.au
- 2. The use of taxis is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as are all other travel undertaken by agency employees.