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Department of Communications

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Program No. Corporate and Business

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?
Please provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

1. For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, total departmental expense on taxis was \$33,597 (GST excl). The Department does not record taxi expense data in a way that would readily allow individual business groups to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. The use of taxis is assessed on a needs basis and is subject to the same value for money considerations as all other travel undertaken by departmental staff.