

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 299**

**Program No. TUSMA**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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. 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.
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.
3. Nil.