

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Taxi costs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-41

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. The Department's expenditure on taxis for the period 1 September to 31 January 2016 was \$412,617 (GST exclusive) for business related travel. To provide a breakdown of taxi costs by business group would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
3. The Department did not incur any expenses in relation to taxi costs for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 for Ministers or the Ministers' offices.