

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: APRA

Question: AET 257-259

Topic: Taxi Costs

Reference: written - 29 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

257. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

258. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

259. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

257. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) records taxi costs as part of Domestic Local Transport costs, which is made up of costs associated with short term hire cars, taxis, trains, buses, trams, tolls, parking, and use of private vehicles within Australia. The cost of Domestic Local Transport for the period 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016 was \$95,146.59

Provision of a detailed breakdown would not be an efficient and effective use of resources.

258. APRA staff are expected to attend business and other meetings as part of performing their responsibilities. These are working expenses.

259. APRA does not pay for taxis used by the Minister or the Minister's office.