

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: SBT676-677**

**Topic: Taxi costs**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

676. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period?
- a. Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
  - b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
677. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

**Answer:**

676.

- a) The total cost of taxi travel for the period of 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 is \$266,088 (exclusive of GST).
- b) All taxi travel is incurred for business purposes and is undertaken on the basis of efficient, effective, economical and ethical use.

677. Nil.