

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000208

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No SQ14-002446

Taxi costs

Question

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. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Department of Education and Training spent \$176,600.44 (GST exclusive) on taxi costs. The table below provides a breakdown by each business group.

Business Group	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Early Childhood and Child Care	\$ 7,646.55
Schools and Youth	\$26,634.61
Higher Education, Research and International	\$50,198.89
Skills and Training	\$75,352.88
Corporate	\$11,172.69
Share Services Centre	\$5,594.82
TOTAL	\$176,600.44

2. Taxis are used where they provide the most cost-effective transport option to deliver the outcomes of the department, including where staff are interstate or overseas on business.
3. Nil.