

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000292

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ARC: 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

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

1. The ARC utilises one account code only for taxis, car rental, hire cars and parking and cannot disaggregate this information without a significant diversion of resources. The total spend for this item is \$17,932, covering from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.
2. The ARC uses taxis where it is deemed the most efficient and practical solution for transportation. This could include transfers to and from airports and meeting venues as part of its ordinary course of business.
3. Not applicable.