

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: TEQSA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000293**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***TEQSA: Taxi costs***

**Question**

Since change of Prime Minister on 14 Sep 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 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.

1. TEQSA spent \$15,234 (GST exclusive) on taxis during the specified period.

<b>Business Group</b>	<b>Cost (GST exclusive)</b>
Commissioners/CEO	5408
Corporate	1602
Executive Office	147
Legal Team	235
Provider Assessment and Engagement Team	7362
Information Analysis and Reporting Team	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,234</b>

2. The taxi costs are for business related travel such as attending meetings with stakeholders, staff training and site visits to providers as part of the regulatory processes.
3. Not applicable