

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000409

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

#### Question

##### WGEA - Taxi costs

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. During the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (Agency) has spent \$4,267 on taxis.
2. Reasons for taxi costs are outlined below:
  - a. staff travel to and from meetings that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
  - b. staff travel to and from speaking engagements and events that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
  - c. staff travel to and from Agency-run workshops interstate;
  - d. staff travel to and from the airport and hotels when staff are required to go interstate for Agency business.
3. Not applicable.