

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency – Workplace Gender Equality Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0386\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing**

**Question**

**WGEA – Taxi costs**

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer**

- a) The Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) has spent \$4,665.87 on taxis from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014. The breakdown of costs for each business unit is outlined below.

<b>Business unit</b>	<b>Total taxi spend</b>
Advice and Reporting	\$239.41
Education and Innovation	\$839.41
Operations (including the WGEA's Director)	\$3,107.77
Public Affairs	\$327.68
Research	\$151.60

- b) Reasons for taxi costs are outlined below.
  - i. staff travel to and from meetings that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
  - ii. staff travel to and from speaking engagements and events that are not within walking distance from the office in Sydney and interstate;
  - iii. staff travel to and from WGEA-run workshops interstate;
  - iv. staff travel to and from the airport and to hotels when staff are required to go interstate for WGEA business.