

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- (2) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

- (1) The financial management information system used by the Office can only provide this data on a monthly basis without an unreasonable diversion of resources. The Office taxi costs from 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 were \$14,834.69.
- (2) The reasons for the taxis spend were to discharge the Office's functions and work.