

Senate Standing Committee on Economics**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 October 2012

Question: SR58**Topic: Taxi Costs****Proof Hansard Page: Written****Senator Bushby asked:****Financial Year to Date**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

2011-12 Financial Year

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2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:***The Department***

Financial Year to Date

1. The Department spent \$10,961.55 on taxi costs for the 2012-13 financial year as at 31 October 2012.

Division	Amount Spent
Bureau of Resources & Energy Economics	\$633.04
Clean Energy	\$1,507.62
Corporate Services	\$4,431.59
Energy and Environment	\$673.50
Energy Security	\$0.00
Energy Special Account	\$0.00
Energy White Paper	\$0.00
Office of Spatial Policy	\$36.36
Resources	\$2,601.00
Tourism	\$585.63
ARENA Support	\$492.81
Total	\$10,961.55

2. The main reasons for taxi costs incurred by the Department are:

- Travel to and from meetings, conferences, training and the like.
- Travel home for staff required to work back late.
- Delivery of official documents in person.

2011-12 Financial Year

1. The Department spent \$56,922.69 on taxi costs for the 2011-12 financial year.

Division	Amount Spent
Bureau of Resources & Energy Economics	\$1,011.81
Clean Energy	\$11,753.88
Corporate Services	\$15,131.62
Energy and Environment	\$10,175.94
Energy Security	\$0.00
Energy Special Account	\$455.70
Energy White Paper	\$113.98
Office of Spatial Policy	\$2,230.07
Resources	\$12,624.28
Tourism	\$3,425.41
Total	\$56,922.69

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- Travel home for staff required to work back late.
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Australian Renewable Energy Agency

This Financial Year to Date

1. As at 31 October 2012 \$1,354.90 has been spent on taxis this financial year to date. \$1,203.24 relates to transfers for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and the remaining \$151.66 relates to transfers for the ARENA Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
2. Transfers to and from airports.

2011-12 Financial Year

Questions relating to the 2011-12 financial year are not applicable because ARENA was established on 1 July 2012.

Geoscience Australia

Financial Year to Date

1. Geoscience Australia (GA) spent a total of \$88,621 on taxi this financial year to date.
2. ACT and interstate business trips, including trips to and from airports.

2011-12 Financial Year

1. GA spent a total of \$182,831 on taxis for the 2011-12 financial year.
2. ACT and interstate business trips, including trips to and from airports.

Tourism Australia

Financial Year to Date

3. Tourism Australia's (TA) estimated taxi or equivalent vehicle spend is \$67,439.
4. TA staff are often required to travel meet with industry stakeholders. Taxis are used for staff trips for meetings with partners, transportation from airports to overseas offices and supplier meetings.

2011-12 Financial Year

1. TA's estimated taxi or equivalent vehicle spend was \$186,000.
2. Tourism Australia staff are often required to travel to meet with industry stakeholders Taxis are used for staff trips for meetings with partners, transportation from airports to overseas offices and supplier meetings.

National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority

Financial Year to Date

1. The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority's (NOPSEMA's) total taxi spend is \$14,661:

Division	Amount Spent
Executive	\$1,994
Board	\$402
Corporate	\$715
Regulatory	\$11,550

2. Staff attending inter-state meetings and training courses, including inspector travel to and from airports.

2011-12 Financial Year

1. NOPSEMA's estimated taxi or equivalent vehicle spend was \$44,274:

Division	Amount Spent
Executive	\$10,407
Board	\$2,527
Corporate	\$6,342
Regulatory	\$24,998

2. Staff attending inter-state meetings and training courses, including inspector travel to and from airports.

Australian Solar Institute

Financial Year to Date

1. The Australian Solar Institute's (ASI's) total taxi spend is \$6,635.
2. Staff travel to and from business meetings.

2011-12 Financial Year

1. ASI's estimated taxi or equivalent vehicle spend was \$14,835.
2. Staff travel to and from business meetings.