## **Economics Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry Portfolio Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14 21 November 2013

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Taxi Costs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** SI-183

- 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

The Department's expenditure on taxis for the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 was \$323,931 (GST exclusive) for business related travel.

This figure from 1 September 2013 is in line with the Department's monthly reporting cycle. To provide the information from 7 September 2013 at the business group level would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.

Please note as this information is as at 30 November 2013, it does not include the Anti-Dumping Commission. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will report on the Commission where appropriate in their responses to 2013-14 Budget Estimates Questions on Notice.