

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0325\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**WGEA - Taxi costs**

- a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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 \$5136.93 on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014. The breakdown of costs for each business unit is outlined below.

<b>Business unit</b>	<b>Total taxi spend</b>
Advice and Reporting	\$127.75
Education and Innovation	\$1,450.08
Operations (including the WGEA's Director)	\$2,201.67
Public Affairs	\$1,071.43
Research	\$286

- 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;
  - v. WGEA covers the costs of travelling to and from the WGEA's premises of members of its consultation groups who are providing their advice for no charge (if required by those members).