

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Answers to written Questions on Notice
Additional Budget Estimates 2013
Department of the Senate

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate

Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Questions

**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.**

Answer

Taxi costs	2012-13
	\$
Clerks' Office	383.14
Table Office	1,338.80
Procedure Office	1,126.28
Committee Office	6,999.71
Black Rod's Office	645.25
Total	10,493.22

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer

Taxi costs attributed to the Department of the Senate are business related travel, primarily in connection with committee meetings and hearings. Other costs are associated with fieldwork for the Parliamentary Education Office program, and provision of taxis to employees required to work extended hours outside the standard core business times during sitting periods.
