

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Additional Estimates - February 2013**  
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Taxi Costs

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** QoN 77

**Type of Question:** Written

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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.

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

This FYTD (as at 31 January 2013) the Office spent \$9,134 on taxis. This comprised \$7,148 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$100 for Honours and Awards Branch and \$1,886 for Corporate Services Branch.

Taxis are primarily used by staff on official duty for the Office and for Honorary Aides-de-Camp representing the Governor-General on official occasions.