

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2012
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate
Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of Question: Written

Question

**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	2011-12
	\$
Clerks' Office	1,629.19
Table Office	2,850.30
Procedure Office	2,882.90
Committee Office	19,563.41
Senate Services	985.39
Total	27,991.19

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.