## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2012 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

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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:**

To date in 2011-12, the Office has spent \$21,454 on taxis, comprising \$18,130 for Executive and Protocol Branch, \$1,049 for Honours and Awards Branch and \$2,275 for Corporate Services Branch.

Taxis are used by staff and Honorary Aides-de-Camp on official duty for the Office.