

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Answers to written Questions on Notice
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
Table Office	2,250
Procedure Office	2,398
Committee Office	14,048
Black Rod's Office	1,288
Total	20,367

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.