

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

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Question:

How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

1. The spend on taxis for the Australian Public Service Commission this financial year to date (31 May 2013) was \$117,678 exclusive of GST. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by Business Groups for that period.

Corporate and Executive	\$14,296
Strategic Centre	\$5,430
Workplace Relations	\$5,429
Client Engagement	\$22,160
Remuneration Tribunal	\$4,683
Employment Policy and Participation	\$20,853
Ethics	\$2,680
Agency Capability Reviews	\$12,545
Workforce Participation	\$4,483
Professional Development and Diversity Services	\$21,506
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$3,614

2. Taxis are used as ground transport, on a best value for money basis i.e. alternative to public transport, to enable officials to visit clients, attend meetings and other business activities away from their principal office. Taxis are also used for transportation to and from airports associated with official travel.