

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Topic:** Taxi Costs

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

1. 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.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1. The spend on taxis for the Australian Public Service Commission this financial year to date (30 September 2012) is \$40,211 exclusive of GST. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by Business Groups for that period.

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Corporate and Executive             | \$7,391 |
| Strategic Centre                    | \$1,442 |
| Workplace Relations                 | \$2,154 |
| Client Engagement                   | \$7,722 |
| Remuneration Tribunal               | \$703   |
| Employment Policy                   | \$6,041 |
| Ethics                              | \$805   |
| Agency Capability Reviews           | \$4,457 |
| Workforce Participation             | \$4,483 |
| Professional Service Development    | \$4,020 |
| Human Capital Research & Evaluation | \$993   |

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.