

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing – October 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

**Question reference number:** PM130

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 30 November 2012

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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:**

As at 30 September 2012, the Office has spent \$3,785 on taxis, comprising \$2,267 for Executive and Protocol Branch and \$1,519 for Corporate Services Branch.

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