

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Taxi Costs 2011-12

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? 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 for 2011-12 is \$150,684 exclusive of GST. The table below provides a breakdown of taxi spend by Business Groups for that period.

Corporate and Executive	\$25,298
Strategic Centre	\$4,846
Workplace Relations	\$9,867
Client Engagement	\$38,247
Remuneration Tribunal	\$4,400
Employment Policy	\$5,044
Ethics	\$4,173
Agency Capability Reviews	\$2,485
Workforce Participation	\$25,405
Professional Service Development	\$25,470
Human Capital Research & Evaluation	\$5,449

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.