

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0483) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - 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:*

The following table itemises departmental taxi costs for each business group for the financial year to date 28 February 2013.

<b>Business Area</b>	<b>FYTD 28 Feb 2013</b>
Policy & Program Management	\$ 183 189
Business Services	\$ 180 749
Client Services	\$ 434 498
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 462 796
Office of the Mara / Independent Protection Assessment Office (IPAO)	\$ 40 013
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1 301 245</b>

Listed below are the factors contributing to taxi expenditure in the department:

- travel between meetings with other departments, agencies and stakeholders
- travel between accommodation and work on business trips
- travel to and from airports on business trips
- employees located in national, state and territory offices and at overseas posts on occasions travel between offices to attend training, conferences and workshops.

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*Answer:*

In the financial year to 31 January 2013, the MRT-RRT spent \$26,157 on taxis for members and staff on official travel.