

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 – 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0533) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

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 31 May 2013.

Business Area	FYTD 31 May 2013
Policy & Program Management	\$ 240 323
Business Services	\$ 222 880
Client Services	\$ 525 873
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 609 325
MARA / Independent Protection Assessment Office (IPAO)	\$ 42 038
TOTAL	\$ 1 640 439

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.

MRT-RRT:

In the financial year to 12 June 2013, the MRT-RRT spent \$37,789 on taxis for members and staff on official travel.