

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0172) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide - Taxi costs: How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12 and this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

The department's taxi costs for 2011-12 are \$1 972 994.92 (GST exclusive). The department's taxi costs for the 2012-13 financial year to date to 30 September 2012 are \$485 478.65 (GST exclusive).

The breakdown by business group is as follows:

| Business Group | 2011-12 \$ (GST exclusive) | 2012-13 Financial Year to Date 30 September 2012 \$ (GST exclusive) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Policy and Program Management | 455 536.82 | 84 193.30 |
| Business Services | 356 643.49 | 84 447.01 |
| Client Services | 575 456.75 | 131 939.81 |
| Immigration Status Resolution | 585 357.86 | 184 898.53 |
| Total | 1 972 994.92 | 485 478.65 |

Taxi costs are incurred for official business travel where the use of a taxi service is the most cost effective and efficient means of transport in the particular circumstance.

MRT-RRT:

Answer:

In the financial year 2011-12 the MRT-RRT spent \$42,155 on taxi costs. In the financial year 2012-13 (to 30 September 2012) the MRT-RRT spent \$14,453 on taxi costs.