

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0193) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

Departmental taxi costs, by business group, from 1 September 2013 to 30 September 2013 were as follows:

Business Area (Group)	1 to 30 September 2013*
Business Services	\$ 19 828
Client Services	\$ 50 736
Immigration Status Resolution	\$ 49 240
Policy and Program Management	\$ 24 613
Portfolio Coordination	\$ 7 716
Other	\$1 214
TOTAL	\$ 153 347

* The department does not record travel data in a way that allows separate reporting on taxi expenditure by business group for part of a month.

Factors contributing to taxi expenditure in the department include staff travel:

- to and from airports while on business trips,
- between accommodation and work while on business trips, and
- between meeting locations, including with other departments, agencies and stakeholders.

Operation Sovereign Borders:

a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.

JATF OSB has spent \$1 674.13 on taxis.

b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Travel by taxi is mainly for staff to attend meetings at Home Agencies or travel to and from the airport. This includes taxi costs for trips to the airport for the press conferences held in Sydney.

MRT-RRT:

In the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the MRT-RRT spent \$8,166 on taxis for members and staff on official travel, primarily in connection with interstate travel.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Period 7 September – 19 November 2013

- a) Total \$178,834.77 GST Exclusive

Division	Cost
Anti-Dumping Commission	\$7,085.86
Border Force Capability	\$45,455.66
Border Protection Command Div	\$2,776.12
Compliance and Enforcement	\$62,312.44
Executive	\$8,051.80
Integrity, Security & Assurance	\$4,017.28
Intelligence Division	\$17,505.54
Operation Sovereign Borders	\$702.31
Strategy, Planning & Resources	\$4,229.88
Support Division	\$19,858.43
Trade and Customs Division	\$6,839.45
Total	\$178,834.77

- b) Taxis are used to enable employees to attend meetings or events as required by their work.