Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Treasury
Question: AET 239-241
Topic: Taxi Costs

Reference: written - 19 February 2016 Senator: Ludwig, Joe and Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- 239. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
- 240. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
- 241. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?

Answer:

239. The Treasury's spend on taxi from 1 September 2015 to 29 February 2016 is provided in the table below:

Group	Amount (\$'000)
Macroeconomic Group	15
Fiscal Group	13
Revenue Group	28
Markets Group	45
Corporate Group	37
Total	138

This data is available on a monthly and annual basis only, it cannot be disaggregated further.

- 240. The majority of taxi costs relate to the transportation of departmental staff to meetings, conferences, training and returning home following overtime.
- 241. Travel undertaken by the Minister or staff employed in the Minister's Office is covered by the relevant entitlements which are administered by the Department of Finance.