

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Taxi Costs

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

For this financial year to 11 February 2013, the National Mental Health Commission has spent \$17,094.66 (ex GST) on taxi costs for the 10 Commissioners and relevant staff to attend Commission meetings, stakeholder meetings and other essential business.

The National Mental Health Commission is a small agency and as such does not record travel data in a disaggregated way by business group. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.