

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Briefing for the Australian Greens and Independents

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens?
If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:

- How are briefings requests commissioned?
- What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.
- Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.
- How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.
- Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?

Answer:

Since the establishment of the National Mental Health Commission on 1 January 2012, the Commission has met with and provided verbal briefings on its work to members of both the Australian Greens and the Opposition.

These have been verbal briefings and the Commission does not record information that would answer the remainder of the question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

The Commission has not provided verbal briefings to the Independent members of Parliament as at 11 February 2013.