

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**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:**

The National Mental Health Commission was established at 1 January 2012 and at 31 May 2012 has spent \$7, 219.71 on taxi costs for the 10 Commissioners and staff to attend Commission 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.