

**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:** Travel Costs

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

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Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.

**Answer:**

Since its establishment on 1 January 2012, no National Mental Health Commission staff have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

The National Mental Health Commission follows Government travel policy and guidelines in respect of travel for Commission staff. The Commission does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to the second part of this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.