

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

PM&C Portfolio

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Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

What was the cost of Ministers and travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?

How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.

How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location.

How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1. The National Mental Health Commission does not have information about travel costs by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and MOP(S) Act staff as these arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
2. The National Mental Health Commission does not record data about the Ministers attendance at Community Cabinet meetings that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
3. Not applicable.
4. None.
5. Not applicable.