

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

PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? 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:

As a small Executive Agency the National Mental Health Commission does not record data about Ministerial attendance at Community Cabinet meetings and related costs. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

No National Mental Health Commission staff travelled with Ministers or attended Community Cabinet meetings and the Commission has not incurred any costs relating to Community Cabinet meetings.