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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

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Answer:

National Mental Health Commission staff do not accompany the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

Commission staff travel costs for 2011-12 were \$59,811.83 (ex GST). The cost breakdown includes:

- \$45,138.22 on flights and
- \$14,673.61 on accommodation/meals/incidentals.

The Commission does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be further broken down. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.