

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 15 OCTOBER 2012**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Community Cabinet Meetings 2011-12

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location.

How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 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 2011-12?

**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 in 2011-12 and the Commission did not incur any costs relating to Community Cabinet meetings.