

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** National Mental Health Commission meetings with the Minister, the Minister's Office and the Department

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**Senator:** Wright, Penny

**Question:**

Senator WRIGHT: How many meetings has the commission had with the government since the report was provided to the minister last year?

Mr Butt: I would have to take that on notice. When you say with government do you mean the minister and the minister's office?

Senator WRIGHT: Yes, I do. I would probably like a breakdown of the minister and the minister's office and the department.

Mr Butt: I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Since the report was provided to the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, last year and up until 1 June 2015, the Commission has had:

- One meeting with the Minister;
- Two meetings with the Minister's Office (additionally, the Chief Executive Officer has had various telephone calls with the Minister's advisors, although how many and which dates is not known);
- One meeting with the Prime Minister's Office; and
- Eight meetings with the Department of Health.