

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

PM&C Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Taxi Costs

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.

What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer:

For this financial year to 28 May 2013, the National Mental Health Commission has spent \$25,385.00 (ex GST) on taxi costs for the 10 Commissioners and relevant staff to attend Commission meetings, stakeholder meetings and other essential business. This also includes Commission appointed advisory and expert group members to attend meetings.

The National Mental Health Commission is a small agency and as such does not record travel data in a disaggregated way by business group. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.