

**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:** Meetings Costs

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.

For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

**Answer:**

1. For this financial year as at 28 May 2013, the National Mental Health Commission's meeting spend on official Commission meetings is \$141,624.00 (ex GST). To attempt to provide the level of detail requested for the range of other meetings that Commissioners and staff have been involved in would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
2. The National Mental Health Commission does not record data about Ministerial and Parliamentary Secretary meeting costs.
3. The National Mental Health Commission plans to spend approximately \$35,000 on supporting official Commission meetings for the remainder of this financial year. To attempt to provide the level of additional detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
4. The National Mental Health Commission is not involved in Ministerial and Parliamentary Secretary meeting planning.