

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: Protective Security Policy Framework

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The National Mental Health Commission's IT services are provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) under a Memorandum of Understanding. PM&C's IT network is configured to comply with the Information Security Manual (ISM) published by Defence Signals Directorate. The network also operates under the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) published by the Attorney-General's Department. These specify the minimum policies and procedures that must be implemented to protect the confidentiality of sensitive information.