

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australia Post**

**Question No: 183(d)**

**Australia Post**

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**Topic: Commissioned reports**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?
  - (a) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?
3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

- 1- 3. During the period from August to December 2015, Australia Post conducted a review into its management of compliance matters related to contract arrangements with former Victorian delivery contractor Oz Trade Pty Ltd. Mr Ken Lay was the independent chair of the review and law firm Allens Linklaters assisted Australia Post and Mr Lay to conduct the review. A report from Mr Lay and Allens Linklaters was provided to Australia Post. Australia Post publicly released the report and its response on 4 December 2015. The cost of the report was approximately \$0.6million.