

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Question reference number:** F88

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Topic:** Commissioned Reports

**Question:**

1. Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? 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 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:**

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<p>1. Two.</p> <p>(i) The Medibank Scoping Study was commissioned on 24 October 2013. The report is to be provided to Government by 28 February 2014 and, consistent with previous asset sale processes, is not intended for public release.</p> <p>(ii) The Commission of Audit was commissioned on 22 October 2013. The report of the first phase is to be provided to Government by the end of January 2014 and the second phase by the end of March 2014. The Government appointed five Commissioners of Audit, Mr Anthony Shepherd AO (Chair), Mr Anthony Cole AO, Dr Peter Boxall AO, Mr Robert Fisher AM, and the Hon Amanda Vanstone. The Terms of Reference are at: <a href="http://www.ncoa.gov.au/docs/NCA_TERMS_OF_REFERENCE.pdf">http://www.ncoa.gov.au/docs/NCA_TERMS_OF_REFERENCE.pdf</a></p> <p>2.</p> <p>(i) The Medibank Scoping Study is estimated to cost approximately \$1.8 million inclusive of departmental staffing costs.</p> <p>A Taskforce for the Medibank Scoping Study was established on 2 December 2013 at which time ten Department of Finance staff commenced. There is one SES Band 2, two SES Band 1, three EL2s, two EL1s, one APS6 and an executive assistant.</p>

	<p>Prior to the establishment of the Taskforce, staff from the Commercial and Claims Division worked on the procurement process for the Scoping Study advisers, in addition to their normal duties.</p> <p>As at 19 November 2013, these staff included: one SES Band 2; two SES Band 1; two EL2s; three EL1s; one APS6 and an executive assistant.</p> <p>(ii) The Commission of Audit has a budget of \$1.0 million.</p> <p>As at 19 November 2013, the Commission was supported by the following Department of Finance staff: two SES Band 2s, seven EL2s, four EL1s, one APS 6 and one APS 5.</p> <p>3. Responses to the reports are a matter for Government.</p>
AEC	<p>1. Nil</p> <p>2. -3 N/A.</p>
ComSuper	<p>1. Nil</p> <p>2. - 3. N/A</p>
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>1. Nil</p> <p>2. N/A</p> <p>3. N/A</p>
Future Fund Management Agency	<p>1. None.</p> <p>2. and 3. Not applicable</p>