

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Commissioned reports**

Question: **201**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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. Six.
 - a. All reports are internal reports and are not due to be handed to government or for public release.

Report	Date Commissioned	Committee Members
Building Condition Assessment	4 July 2014	Nil
Conservation Management Plan	2 June 2014	Nil
Hansard WHS Review	26 September 2014	Nil
Client Evaluation of the Parliamentary Library for the 44th Parliament	23 September 2014	Nil
Review of the Annual Report	19 July 2014	Nil
Development of Workforce Report	14 July 2014	Nil

2. No DPS staff prepared these reports.

Report	Cost	Status
Building Condition Assessment	\$1,071,732 (GST incl)	Draft report provided to DPS with final expected before 12 December 2014
Conservation Management Plan	\$295,856 (GST incl)	In preparation
Hansard WHS Review	\$15,675 (GST incl)	Draft written report due to Assistant Secretary by 5 January
Client Evaluation of the Parliamentary Library for the 44th Parliament	\$23,100 (GST incl)	In progress
Review of the Annual Report	\$15,675 (GST incl)	Completed

Development of Workforce Report	\$66,295 (GST incl)	Completed
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3. The government is not expected to respond to these reports.