

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 378

Topic: Commissioned Reports

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Senator Boyce asked:

378(a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.

378(b) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?

378 (c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

378 (a)

The definition of a 'report' used in providing an answer to this Question on Notice is any report authorised by Government, finalised, handed to Government and subsequently made public. Reports produced as a component of work for Cabinet committees, inter-Departmental committees, Council of Australian Government (COAG) working groups and internal committees are excluded.

One report was commissioned by the Government in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio in the 2010-11 financial year.

Title: The Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness Annual Report 2009-10

Commissioned: August 2010

Finalised: October 2010

Publicly Released: October 2010

Cost: \$1,650 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/housing/pubs/homelessness/Pages/PM_homelessnessARforeword.aspx

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Four reports were finalised and handed to the Government in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio in the 2010-11 financial year.

Title: Scoping Study into the Find and Connect Services

Commissioned: June 2010

Finalised: October 2010

Publicly Released: November 2010

Cost: \$74,270 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/progserv/apology_forbidden_aus/Documents/find_connect/default.htm

Title: Positive Family Functioning

Commissioned: 30 November 2009

Finalised: 29 September 2010

Publicly Released: 14 February 2011

Cost: \$245,916 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/functioning/Pages/default.aspx>

Title: Approaches to personal money management: A population segmentation based on data from the ANZ Survey of Adult Financial Literacy in Australia (2008)

Commissioned: May 2010

Finalised: September 2010

Publicly Released: May 2011

Cost: \$45,455 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/publicationsarticles/research/occasional/Documents/op36/OP36.doc>

Title: Evaluation of the FaHCSIA Targeted Community Care Mental Health Initiatives

Commissioned: June 2009

Finalised: March 2011

Publicly Released: 16 May 2011

Cost: \$357,120 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/mentalhealth/progserv/targeted_community_care/Pages/eval_tcc_program.aspx

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One report was publicly released by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio in the 2010-11 financial year.

Title: Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs) Scoping Study: A new option for addressing financial exclusion in Australia

Commissioned: October 2009

Finalised: December 2009

Publicly Released: July 2010

Cost: \$68,182 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/funding/CDFI_pilot/Documents/default.htm

378 (b) The cost of each report is indicated in 378 (a) above. The Department does not separately identify the costs and number of staff supporting reports in our finance system. A significant expenditure of resources would be required to research and calculate the total number and level of departmental staff involved in each of these reports. Consequently, the Department is unable to provide a response to this question.

378(c) The above reports commissioned by the Department have been finalised. The Government will respond in accordance to its responsibilities in relation to all commissioned reports.