

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
TOPIC: REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE ACCESS TO PREMISES STANDARD
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No.AI-81

Senator Campbell asked:

- (a) Is it the case that a further benefit-cost analysis/study was undertaken for the ABCB, to corroborate the findings of the initial study for the RIS in relation to the draft DDA Access to Premises Standard of January 2004 (i.e. a further benefit-cost analysis/study to corroborate the findings of the initial Jaguar study for the draft DDA Access to Premises Standard RIS)?
- (b) If so, when was this corroborative benefit-cost analysis/study put out to tender, what is the date and the text of the brief, who was commissioned to do the study, when was the study commenced and completed, and what is the text of completed study?

ANSWER

- (a) Yes. An independent peer review was undertaken by Access Economics Pty Ltd.
- (b) The peer review was not put out to tender. Quotations were sought from three organisations that are known to have expertise in regulation review and reform. The date of the brief is 21 September 2004. The text of the brief remains confidential as it forms part of the ongoing policy advice to Government.

The review was undertaken by Access Economics Pty Ltd. The study was commenced on 11 October 2005 and completed on 1 February 2006. The text of the study remains confidential as it forms part of the ongoing policy advice to Government.

QUESTION No.AI-82

Senator Campbell asked:

Has there been any work within the ABCB or sourced from outside the ABCB to corroborate the initial Jaguar study for the draft DDA access to premises standard Regulatory Impact Statement?

ANSWER

Yes. An independent peer review was undertaken by Access Economics Pty Ltd.