

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Small Business Survey

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ryan

**QUESTION No.:** AI-37

DIISR commissioned Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd to conduct a survey of small business from 25 May 2010 to 30 August 2010 for \$76,400 (CN 292491).

What survey was this? What was it for? Why was it commissioned?

Have the results been released yet?

Can a copy of the report be provided to this committee?

Have the results been provided to the Minister yet?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research commissioned Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd to conduct a survey of small business from 25 May 2010 to 30 August 2010 for \$76,400 (inclusive of GST). The survey cost exclusive of GST was \$69,455.

This research surveyed small businesses as part of an internal departmental review of the Small Business Support Line.

The results have not been released publicly as the research was commissioned to form part of a routine internal review process.

No, the report was intended for internal review process.

The results have been provided to Senator the Hon Nick Sherry.