

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: **AET 567 - 569**

Topic: **Commissioned Reports (ACCC)**

Hansard Page: **Written**

Senator BUSHBY asked:

567. How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?
568. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date?
569. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?
 - How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - What is the current status of each report?
 - When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

567. The following reports were commissioned by the government in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Report	Date commissioned	Number of reports commissioned
Unleaded petroleum products	17 December 2007	Three
Airport monitoring	1 July 2007	Reporting on an annual basis, no expiry date specified
Grocery prices	22 January 2008	One
Fertiliser prices	8 February 2008	One
Airport car parking services	7 April 2008	Reporting on an annual basis, no expiry date specified
Telstra's price control arrangements	23 December 2009	One
Unleaded petroleum products	13 May 2010	One
Unleaded petroleum products	9 May 2011	One

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568. As at 31 January 2012, Nil.

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Report	Inquiry into the competitiveness of retail prices for standard groceries
Date Commissioned	22 January 2008
Date handed to Government	31 July 2008
Date of public release	5 August 2008
Terms of Reference	The Minister directed the ACCC to monitor the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol products for a period of three years and report to him by 17 December each year
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$24 534
Staffing	A core team of 16 persons with additional input from a number of staff
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

Report	ACCC examination of fertiliser prices
Date Commissioned	8 February 2008
Date handed to Government	31 July 2008
Date of public release	22 August 2008
Terms of Reference	The Minister directed the ACCC to undertake an examination of fertiliser prices and provide a report outlining the ACCC's findings by 31 July 2008
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	-
Staffing	A number of staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

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Report	Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia 2008
Date Commissioned	Direction under 95ZE of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> dated 17 December 2007
Date handed to Government	December 2008
Date of public release	22 December 2008
Terms of Reference	The Minister directed the ACCC to monitor the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol products for a period of three years and report to him by 17 December each year
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$15 889
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

Report	Airport monitoring report 2007-08
Date Commissioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction No 29 effective 1 July 2007 • Direction No 31 dated 7 April 2008
Date handed to Government	March 2009
Date of public release	30 March 2009
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of aeronautical services by the five specified airports. • Monitor prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of car parking at Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney airports
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	-
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

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Report	Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia 2009
Date Commissioned	Direction under 95ZE of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> dated 17 December 2007
Date handed to Government	December 2007
Date of public release	18 December 2009
Terms of Reference	The minister directed the ACCC to monitor the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol products for a period of three years and report to him by 17 December each year
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$31 580
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

Report	Review of Telstra's price control arrangements - an ACCC report
Date Commissioned	23 December 2009
Date handed to Government	December 2009
Date of public release	March 2010
Terms of Reference	The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy directed that the ACCC hold a public inquiry into Price Control Arrangements for Telstra Services and Facilities and prepare a report setting out its findings by 12 March 2010
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$1 450
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

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Report	Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia 2010
Date Commissioned	Direction under 95ZE of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> dated 13 May 2010
Date handed to Government	13 December 2010
Date of public release	15 December 2010
Terms of Reference	Monitoring of the Prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of unleaded petroleum products in the petroleum industry in Australia
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$14 403
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

Report	Airport monitoring report 2008-09
Date Commissioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction No 29 effective 1 July 2007 • Direction No 31 dated 7 April 2008
Date handed to Government	4 March 2010
Date of public release	11 March 2010
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of aeronautical services by the five specified airports. • Monitor prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of car parking at Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney airports
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$14 444
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

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Report	Airport monitoring report 2009-10
Date Commissioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction No 29 effective 1 July 2007 • Direction No 31 dated 7 April 2008
Date handed to Government	31 January 2011
Date of public release	7 February 2011
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of aeronautical services by the five specified airports. • Monitor prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of car parking at Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney airports
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	-
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable

Report	Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia 2011
Date Commissioned	Direction under 95ZE of <i>the Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> dated 9 May 2011
Date handed to Government	5 December 2011
Date of public release	8 December 2011
Terms of Reference	Monitoring of the Prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of unleaded petroleum products in the petroleum industry in Australia
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	\$14 708
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Published
Government response	Not applicable