

QUESTION No.SBI-71

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the cost of the “additional analysis and research on the Premises Standard” and what budget item does it come under in the ABCB budget? Who is undertaking this “additional analysis and research on the Premises Standard” and what is the text of their brief(s)?

(For mention of “additional analysis and research on the Premises Standard” see Written Question on Notice No.61; Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio, Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005)

ANSWER

The work is incomplete, therefore the final cost is not yet known. To date, in financial year 2005-06, the ABCB has expended \$39,700 on consultancies relating to this work. The work is being funded from the ABCB 2005-06 budget provision for its regulation impact strategy activities.

Jaguar Consulting Pty Ltd and ABCB staff are conducting this work. The briefs provided to Jaguar Consulting requested work to finalise the Disability Standards for Access to Premises RIS.

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Can you provide the committee with copies of:

- (a) The full text of the benefit-cost analysis/ study, and any appendices or attachments, submitted to the ABCB for the RIS in relation to the draft DDA Access to Premises Standard of January 2004;
- (b) The full text of any further benefit-cost analysis/ study submitted to the ABCB, in addition to the study in (a) (it is understood that at least one more study was conducted to seek to corroborate the findings in (a));
- (c) The Building Access Policy Committee (BAPC) final document and recommendations to the 26 May ABCB meeting, and all other documents at that ABCB meeting related to the DDA Access to Premises Standard.

ANSWER

- (a) Copies of the following documents which were released for public comment in early 2004 have been provided to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee Secretariat:
 - Draft Disability Standards for Access to Premises (Buildings);
 - Draft Guidelines to the Disability Standards for Access to Premises;
 - A Process to Administer Building Access; and
 - Draft RIS for the Disability Standards for Access to Premises, including appendices.
- (b) The text of any further analysis is confidential, as it forms part of the Board’s ongoing policy advice to Government.
- (c) The BAPC final document forms part of the Board’s ongoing policy advice to Government. It would therefore be inappropriate to disclose this information.