

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 13-16 Feb 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator: Senator Ryan

Question reference number: 99

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 March 2012

Number of pages: 10

Question:

How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? 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:

The department has previously provided reports information in response to earlier questions for the periods from November 2007 to 3 February 2010 and 25 May 2010 to 30 June 2011. Those responses are attached.

The information sought by the question is taken at a particular point in time and the data is not held by the department in a form that allows for ready compilation some years later. To provide the information for the periods 1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007 and 4 February 2010 to 24 May 2010 would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

No reports have been commissioned since 1 July 2011.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Estimates 8-11 February 2010

Question: PM75a-c

Topic: Reports

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 26 March 2010

Number of pages: 2

- a) **How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio since November 2007? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.**
- b) **How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?**
- c) **What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?**

Answer:

- a) 5. Details are provided in the attached table - a report 'commissioned by the Government' is considered to be a report formally requested by a minister or ministers, including the Prime Minister, with established terms of reference, a committee and to which a Government response is expected.
- b) Please refer to attached table.
- c) Please refer to attached table.

Question on Notice: PM 75 - REPORTS (commissioned since November 2007)

Portfolio: Prime Minister and Cabinet

No.	Title	Date Commissioned	Date Handed to Government	Date of Public Release	Terms of Reference	Committee Members	Cost of Report (GST Incl)	No. of Staff Involved	Level of Staff	Current Status	Government to Respond to Report by When
1	Report of the Review of Homeland and Border Security - (The Smith Review)	15-Feb-08	27-Jun-08	4-12-2009 Please note: only the summary and conclusions were released as the report is classified.	Mr Ric Smith AO PSM was appointed on 15 February 2008 to conduct a review of the roles, responsibilities and functions of departments and agencies involved in homeland and border security and advise whether changes should be made to existing arrangements.	N/A	\$189,085	10	EL - SES plus 3 contractors	Completed	The Government responded to the review on 4 December 2008 in the Prime Minister's National Security Statement
2	Responding to the Australia 2020 Summit	1-May-08	1-Apr-09	1-Apr-09	N/A	N/A	\$123,750 (approx)	8	APS6 - SES	Completed	The Government responded on 22 April 2009
3	Information Policy and E-Governance in the Australian Government	17-Feb-09	6-Mar-09	6-Aug-09	Report provided by Mr Ian Reinke	N/A	\$70,000	0	NA	Completed	No response required - report taken into account in developing FOI reform package
4	APS Bargaining	14-May-09	28-Aug-09	Under consideration	To examine APS-wage setting arrangements	PM&C APSC DEEWR Treasury Finance.	Costs absorbed by participating agencies	4	EL	Completed	To be determined
5	Ahead of the Game: Blueprint for the Reform of Australian Government Administration	1-Sep-09	1-Mar-10	29-Mar-10	To deliver a blueprint for reform of Australian Government Administration that outlines steps to rejuvenate the Australian Public Service and enable it to serve the government of the day in addressing the challenges facing Australia in the 21st century.	Mr Terry Moran (chair), Mr Chris Blake, Prof Glyn Davis, Ms Jo Evans, Dr Ken Henry, Ms Robyn Kruk, Mr Steve Sedgwick, Ms Ann Sheery, Mr Nick Warner, Prof Patrick Weller	\$363,555 (approx)	14	APS4 - SES	Completed	To be determined

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM120

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 3 December 2010

Number of pages:

- a) **How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.**
- b) **How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?**
- c) **What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?**

Answer:

Consistent with past practice a 'report commissioned by the Government' is considered to be a report formally requested by a minister or ministers, including the Prime Minister, with established terms of reference, a committee and to which a government response is expected.

Please see the attached table.

Question on Notice: PM120 - COMMISSIONED REPORTS (since Budget Estimates 2010)

Portfolio: Prime Minister and Cabinet

No.	Title	Date Commissioned	Date Handed to Government	Date of Public Release	Terms of Reference	Committee Members	Cost of Report (GST Incl)	No. of Staff Involved	Level of Staff	Current Status	Government to Respond to Report
1	National research study on the service response to past adoption practices	4-Jun-10	mid-2012	Under consideration	The study will identify the long-term impacts of past-adoption practices, targeting a wide group of those affected by past practices. The study will also examine: difficulties these groups may experience as a result of the adoption; the extent to which those affected have sought help (e.g. from a counsellor), whether they could benefit from professional assistance and the nature of assistance required; and the value of reunions and "what works" to assist with the reunion process.	N/A	\$412,500	2-4	APS 3 to SES	Ongoing	Report will be provided to Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference mid 2012

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator: Fifield

Question reference number: 141

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011

Number of pages: 1

Question:

- 1. 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.**
- 2. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?**
- 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?**

Answer:

Consistent with past practice a 'report commissioned by the Government' is considered to be a report formally requested by a minister or ministers, including the Prime Minister, with established terms of reference and to which a government response is expected.

No reports have been commissioned in 2010-11.

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Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator: Senator Ryan

Question reference number: 142

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2011

Number of pages: 4

Question:

How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.

1. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
2. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

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.

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Answer:

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Answers to the questions are provided in the attached table.

Question on Notice: 142 - COMMISSIONED REPORTS – 2010-2011 and FYTD

Portfolio: Prime Minister and Cabinet

No.	Title	Date Commissioned	Date Handed to Government	Date of Public Release	Terms of Reference	Committee Members	Cost of Report (GST Incl)	No. of Staff Involved	Level of Staff	Current Status	Government to Respond to Report by When
1	Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts	11-Apr-11	31-Oct-11	TBC	<p>1. Examine current Australian Government arrangements for encouraging private sector support for the arts in Australia and consider any potential enhancements to existing Australian Government measures.</p> <p>2. Consider the potential efficacy and feasibility of possible new models for encouraging private sector support within the Australian context and provide an assessment of emerging international models that may be relevant to the Australian setting.</p> <p>3. As appropriate, develop policy options for the Australian Government's consideration, including in the context of the National Cultural Policy.</p>	Harold Mitchell AC (Chair)	Nil - no consultant costs in 2010-11. Review undertaken by PM&C staff - associated costs were absorbed.	4	SES1 (.5), EL2 (1), EL1 (1), APS6 (1)	Concluded	Under consideration
2	Review of the SES	8-May-10	3-Mar-11	16-Sep-11	<p>To contribute to the development by the Australian Public Service Commission of new work level standards and capability requirements for each SES level as required by recommendation 6.2 of Ahead of the Game: Blueprint for the reform of Australian Government Administration.</p> <p>These standards and requirements will have regard to:</p>	Chair - Roger Beale AO. Professor Warwick Anderson AM, Ms Renee Leon, Mr Shane Carmody, Mr Ewan McDonald, Mr Gary Dunn, Ms Carmel McGregor, Mr Martin Hoffman,	\$482,480	2.25	SES B1 to APS 6	With Govt	In due course

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good practice both within the public and private sectors in Australia and internationally; • the suitability of each option to be expanded more broadly to other non-SES classifications in the APS; • the Blueprint's vision for the future for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ new work level standards linked to classification structures that ensure fairness through similar remuneration for similar work; and ○ frameworks that establish APS-wide work level standards and articulate the core skills and competencies required for APS roles. <p>The role of the Reference Group will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide feedback on options prepared by the consultant on methodologies for developing work level standards for the SES and a new capability framework for the SES, including how the two concepts might interact as a mutually reinforcing framework; • provide feedback on draft work level standards and capability requirements for the SES prepared by the consultant. 	Ms Mary Murnane, Mr Bruce Hunter, Mr Richard Murray, Dr James Johnson and Mr Simon Lewis PSM					

Please note *the Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts* should have been reported in the response to the Commission Reports question from the May 2011 Budget Estimates Hearings. It was inadvertently omitted due to an administrative error.