

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM88

Topic: DPMC'S Public Opinion research

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The answer to Question on Notice PM28a-d (Additional Estimate 2009-10) shows that DPMC has commissioned public opinion research which was provided to the Minister (presumably the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Sen. Ursula Stephens) which states that:

"The aim of the study was to develop an understanding of how different groups of Australian respond to the issues surrounding social inclusion."

The cost of the research was \$79,964.

- 1. Which ministers was the research report made available to?**
- 2. Can the Department provide a copy of the study?**
- 3. Were copies of the study, its findings or summaries of it provided to parties or people not employed by the Commonwealth of Australia?**

Answer:

1. A summary of the report's findings was provided to:
The Deputy Prime Minister
The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
The Minister for Finance and Deregulation
The Minister for Health and Ageing
The Minister for Human Services
The Minister for Housing
The Minister for Employment Participation
The Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery

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The Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare, Youth and Sport.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector also received a copy of the report.

2. A copy of the report (with personal information excluded) is attached.
3. The Australian Social Inclusion Board.

In response to a Freedom of Information request, Mr Michael McKinnon from the Seven Network received a copy of the report with personal information (as defined by the *Freedom of Information Act (1982)*) removed.