

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**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