

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Question: 164

Topic: Commissioned Reports - 2010-11

Asked By: Senator RYAN

Type of Question: Written

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

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- a) 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.
- b) How much did each report cost?
- c) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- d) What is the current status of each report?
- e) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

Attachment A provides responses to questions a) through e):

Attachment A

Commissioned Report Title 2010 2011	Start Date	Status	Cost (actual or budgeted)	Staff Involved (e.g. 2 x EL2)	Date provided to Government (actual, planned or yet to be determined)	Date of Public Release (actual, planned or yet to be determined)	Terms of Reference (please insert very brief description of terms of reference)	Committee Members (please list names of committee members)	Date of Government Response (actual, planned or yet to be determined)
Financial Sustainability Assessment of the Norfolk Island Government	4 March 2011	Completed	\$246,872.14	1xSES1 1xEL2 1xAPS6	31 March 2011	Yet to be determined	To investigate the financial sustainability of the Norfolk Island Government under the current structure of governance. To provide the Australian Government with the veracity of the quantum of funds required by the NIG in 2010-11.	N/A	N/A
Community census and well-being survey of the Norfolk Island population	28 January 2011	Completed	\$180,000	1xEL2 1xAPS6	8 April 2011	24 April 2011	Composing basic community database, enabling community profiling and contributing to a well-being	N/A	N/A

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Advice in relation to air services provided to the Administration of Norfolk Island	17 January 2011	Completed	\$36,050 (GST inclusive)	Nil	N/A	Yet to be determined	report. Provide the Commonwealth with advice regarding the provision of air services to Norfolk Island. The report will be used by the Commonwealth to assess the financial viability of the air services provided by the Charterer under the trading name "Norfolk Air".	Nil	N/A
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