

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30-31 May 2011

Question: E11-405

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMISSIONED REPORTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your Portfolio 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.
- 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), b) and c)

The term 'reports' is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question the Department has interpreted it to refer to major policy associated reports, commissioned at Ministerial level. This answer excludes all internal reports which are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programs, or which are undertaken as part of administrative processes, and excludes report publications which are produced as part of statutory obligations and program responsibilities of the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

There were no Reports commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio in the 2010-11 financial year.