

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 355

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, Department or Agency? 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/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external 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:

- 1-3. For the period 19 November 2013 to 31 January 2014, one report, the Cost-Benefit Analysis and Review of Regulation of NBN has sought paid external advice. The details are reported in Question on Notice 354.