

Reports commissioned by the Government for the year 2010–11	Details of report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.	How much did each Report cost?	How many departmental staff were involved in each Report and at what level?	What is the current status of the Report?	When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
1. Realising Potential: Businesses Helping Schools to Develop Australia's Future	<p>Report commissioned in February 2010 and provided to Government 25 February 2011 Released publicly on 9 May 2011 with an accompanying Government response.</p> <p>Terms of Reference The Business-School Connections Roundtable will oversee the development of a practical strategy to ensure all schools benefit from a business connection, with the aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving educational outcomes • harnessing business as a partner in education • increasing successful partnerships <p>Membership Australian Business and Community Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carey Badcoe (Chief Executive Officer) <p>Foundation for Young Australians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Smith (Chief Executive Officer) til May 2010 • Jan Owen (Chief Executive Officer) from Oct 2010 proxy: Dr Lucas Walsh (Director of Research) <p>IBM Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Francis (Workforce Management Executive) <p>Macquarie Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie White (Division Director and Global Head, Macquarie Group Foundation) <p>Microsoft Australia</p>	<p>\$450 000</p> <p>*Funding was to cover the activities of the Roundtable including consultations and a baseline research project. Roundtable members did not receive payment for their contribution to the Report.</p>	<p>The department offered secretariat support to the Roundtable in drafting the report, including Branch Manager, 1xEL2, 2xEL1, 2xAPS6</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>On 9 May 2011 the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett announced the Australian Government's response.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Foster (Education Director) National Australia Bank • Michael Ullmer (Deputy Group CEO) – Chair of the Roundtable Principals Australia • Liz Furler (Chief Executive Officer) • proxy: Andrew Blair <p>Rio Tinto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Gibson (Group Advisor, Operational Learning and Development Strategies) til Nov 2010 • Damien Woods (Principal Advisor, Professional Development) from Dec 2010 <p>Woolworths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Schmidt (Director Human Resources) 				
2. Resourcing the Future	<p>Report commissioned September 2009 and provided to Government 5 July 2010. Public release 17 July 2010.</p> <p>Terms of Reference</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a workforce development plan taking into account planned major resource, energy and related infrastructure projects, their employment and skill requirements. 2. Develop a plan that addresses labour and skill shortage issues in the resources sector 3. Work with companies to develop the plan and to ensure strategies in place to secure the skills and labour required. 4. Broker arrangements with state and territory governments to ensure a responsive training system. <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Gary Gray AO, MP (Chair), Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia • Senator Glenn Sterle (Deputy Chair), Senator for WA • Ms Kathryn Campbell, Department of Education, Employment 	\$1.1million	1x SES Band 1 2x EL2 4x EL1 2x APS6 1x APS5	Completed	Minister Evans provided the formal response on 15 March 2011. It is published on the DEEWR website.

	<p>and Workplace Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Hartwell, Department of Resources, Energy & Tourism • Mr Kruno Kukoc, Department of Immigration and Citizenship • Ms Stephanie Foster, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government • Mr Rod Camm, Skills Queensland • Dr Ruth Shean, Department of Training and Workforce Development, Western Australia • Mr Philip Bullock, Skills Australia • Mr Ken Scott-Mackenzie, Macmahon Holdings Ltd <p>Industry Reference Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Belinda Robinson, Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association • Mr Chris Fraser, Minerals Council of Australia • Mr Jim Barrett, Australian Constructors Association • Mr John Sutton , Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union • Mr Jeff Lawrence, Australian Council of Trade Unions • Mr Paul Howes, Australian Workers Union • Mr Dave Oliver, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union • Ms Minna Knight, Australian Mines and Metals Association <p>Skills Reference Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Glenn Withers AO, Universities Australia • Mr James Barron, Group Training Australia • Mr Ray Barker, SkillsDMC • Mr Tony Noonan, Doorn-Djil Yoordaning Mining & Construction • Mr Andrew Smith, Australian Council for Private Education & Training • Mr Martin Riordan, TAFE Directors Australia 				
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3. Building the Education Revolution Taskforce Interim Report	<p>The Building the Education Revolution Taskforce was established on 3 May 2010 and an interim report handed to government and released in August 2010.</p> <p>Terms of Reference</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receiving, investigating and responding to complaints regarding the full operation of BER, including individual school projects. 2. Assessing value for money aspects of individual projects, including project oversight and administration; 3. Investigating and assessing at its own discretion areas of the operation of BER, especially as they impinge on the outcome of projects at schools; and 4. Making recommendations to the responsible authority about changes to policy, contracts or projects required to ensure the objective of the BER are realised. <p>Membership</p> <p>The Taskforce was chaired by Brad Orgill and was supported by an independent Industry Advisory Panel.</p>	Entire funding for taskforce is \$13.2 million over 2 years	12.4 Staff comprised of 1 x SES 2 x EL2 6.4 x EL1 2 x AP6 1 x APS5	Completed	All of the recommendations have been agreed.
4. Building the Education Revolution Taskforce First Report	The Taskforce First Report was handed to government and released in December 2010. (All other details as above).	Included above	As above	As above	As above
5. Skills Australia 2011 interim report on resources sector skill needs	<p>An interim report was commissioned in April 2011. The report was provided to Minister Evans in May 2011 for noting, released in July 2011 and has been published on the Skills Australia web site</p> <p>Recommendation 1.3 of the National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce report was for Skills Australia to report annually on the status of skills shortages in the resources sector.</p>	\$98,500	2 x EL2 1 x APS 6 1 x APS 5 1 x APS 4	Interim report released July 2011	N/A

	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide guidance on the scope and research methodology to be used to identify skills shortages both for the initial report and follow up reports • Agree the objectives and structure of the commissioned research • Provide input and guidance on appropriate engagement of stakeholders. • Ensure that this commissioned research can be delivered, within budget and project timelines. <p>Membership The committee comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Spence - Skills Australia • Phillip Bullock - Skills Australia • Michael Keating - Skills Australia • Gerald Burke - Skills Australia • Miranda Taylor - Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association • Chris Fraser - Minerals Council of Australia • Ray Barker - Skills DMC • Jim Barrett - Australian Constructors Association. 				
6. Skills Australia – Annual Report on resources sector skill needs	<p>Annual reporting was commissioned in April 2011 with the first annual report due in mid July 2012. The report will be published on the Skills Australia web site.</p> <p>Terms of Reference Provide guidance on the scope and research methodology to be used to identify skills shortages both for the initial report and follow up reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree objectives and structure of the commissioned research • Provide input and guidance on engagement of stakeholders. 	\$833,500	1 x EL2 2 x EL1 2 x APS 6 1 x APS 5	Annual report due to be released July 2012	N/A

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7. Apprenticeships for the 21st Century Expert Panel Report: A Shared Responsibility – Apprenticeships for the 21st Century	<p>Report commissioned on 9 June 2010. The report was handed to Government on 31 January 2011 and publicly released on 21 February 2011.</p> <p>Terms of Reference The Economic Benefits of the Australian Apprenticeships System:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An economic comparison of the current apprenticeships model of skills formation to other forms of education and training and other models of delivery and support from international experience. The economic sustainability of the current Australian Apprenticeships model. The interaction of the apprenticeships system with the economic cycle. The accrual of economic costs and benefits in the apprenticeships system to apprentices, employers/industry, Government and the broader economy. Scope to align the support provided by all levels of government to deliver a modern apprenticeships system. 	The cost of supporting the Expert Panel, including the development of its report was \$351,170.	1 x SES Band 1 1 x EL 2 5 x EL 1 1 x APS 6 1 x Graduate	Completed	<p>Initial direction setting response provided on 10 May 2011.</p> <p>The substantive response is to be provided later in 2011.</p>

	<p>6. The interaction of the Australian Apprenticeships system with the system and structure of industrial awards and other employment regulation for apprentices.</p> <p>Membership Mr Jim McDowell, Chair Mr Dave Oliver Ms Marie Persson Mr Royce Fairbrother Ms Simone Wetzler Dr John Buchanan Mr Tim Shipstone</p>				
8. Higher Education Learning and Teaching Review	<p>On 19 May 2011 Minister Evans appointed Ms Alison Johns from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to consult with the higher education sector and report on the current learning and teaching grant and award programs transitioning to DEEWR following the closure of Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC).</p> <p>A written report was provided to the department on 24 October 2011 and the report was publicly released on 16 November 2011.</p> <p>Terms of Reference: To seek higher education sector perspectives on current teaching and learning grant and award programs and provide advice to Government on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the effectiveness of current grant and award programs; • the sector's role in providing advice when grant and award programs transfer from the ALTC to the department, including peer review arrangements and advisory structures; • the relative funding of program elements from 2012 onwards; • opportunities for innovation and program design 	<p>The final costs of the consultancy and report are not yet available. The maximum fee payable under the contract with HEFCE is \$77,903.</p>	<p>The Department provided secretariat support to Ms Johns. 1 x SES 1 x EL2 1 x EL1 provided this support on a part-time basis as required.</p>	<p>The Report is available on the DEEWR website.</p>	<p>The Minister responded on 16 November 2011 when the report was released.</p>

	<p>improvements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any other matters of interest raised in consultations. 				
9. Review of Regional Loading	<p>The Government announced it would commission a review of the regional loading in the 2009–10 Budget, on 12 May 2009.</p> <p>The report was handed to Government on 22 December 2010 and publicly released on 11 May 2011, after the 2011–12 Budget.</p> <p>Terms of reference DEEWR will review regional higher education provision to develop a funding model that will ensure the longer term sustainability and appropriateness of higher education for regional Australia in a globalised economy.</p> <p>The review, which will include sector and stakeholder consultations and pertinent research, will report to the Minister, on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the future direction of higher education in regional Australia its capacity and responsiveness to meet the needs of dynamic and diverse regional landscapes the opportunities for innovation and change to create a thriving and sustainable regional sector in a demand driven higher education system. <p>Membership A high level Regional Provision Reference Group was established by the Department to provide critical guidance to the Department throughout the review. The members were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Richard Larkins AO (Chair) – former Vice-Chancellor of Monash University Ms Paddi Creevey – Mayor of Mandurah (WA) and Chair of Challenger Institute Governing Council 	<p>The cost to the Department for the state-based consultations, commissioned research and the Reference Group was \$342,688.67 (GST inclusive).</p>	<p>1 x SES 1 x EL2 2 x EL1 Officers contributed to writing the report on a part-time basis.</p>	<p>Completed and released.</p>	<p>The Government responded to the report on 10 May 2011, in the 2011–12 Budget.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Ian Goulter – Vice-Chancellor of Charles Sturt University • Professor Sandra Harding – Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University • Ms Virginia Simmons – former CEO of Chisholm Institute of TAFE. 				
10. Impacts of the new job seeker compliance framework	<p>The review commenced 1 July 2010. The report was tabled in Parliament on 30 September 2010</p> <p>Terms of Reference Review the impact of the job seeker compliance regime, as required by Subdivision G of Division 3A of the <i>Social Security(Administration) Act 1999</i> (Subdivision G repealed 1 July 2011)</p> <p>Membership The members of the review panel were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Julian Disney AO (Chair) • Anna Buduls • Peter Grant PSM 	<p>The report was developed following the review. The review cost \$115,000 –there was not a separate allocation for the report. (Excludes DEEWR staff costs.)</p>	<p>1 x EL 1 1 x EL2 The review panel consulted various executive level staff as required.</p>	Completed	<p>Measures were announced as part of <i>Building Australia's Future Workforce</i> in the 2011-12 Budget.</p>
11. Report on Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund Selection Criteria	<p>The review was commissioned on 20 October 2010. The report on the review was handed to Government on 7 December 2010 and publicly released on 17 December 2010.</p> <p>Terms of Reference By 30 November 2010, advise on the development of selection criteria for the allocation of one-off grants of \$5000 per student to be paid to 4000 students from rural and regional areas between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2013</p> <p>Membership The members were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Tony Vinson AM (Chair) 	\$10,493	<p>1x SES Band 1 1x EL2 2x EL1</p>	Finalised	<p>17 December 2010 (http://ministers.deewr.gov.au/evans/government-helps-rural-and-regional-students-attend-university)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Carla Drakeford (President, National Union of Students) Professor Sandra Harding (Vice-Chancellor and President, James Cook University) The Right Reverend Dr Chris Jones (Executive Officer, Anglicare Tasmania) Ms Elizabeth McGregor (Institute Director, North Coast TAFE) 				
12. Review of Student Income Support Reforms	<p>The review was commissioned on 16 March 2011. The report was handed to Government on 8 July 2011 and publicly released on 14 September 2011.</p> <p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> examine the impact of the student income support arrangements implemented by the Act on equity, with a particular focus on the impact on rural and regional students; examine the extent to which the objectives of the Government's student income support reforms have been achieved, particularly those relating to students from low socioeconomic backgrounds; make any necessary recommendations for changes to student income support policy and programs to achieve these objectives, including appropriate options for new Youth Allowance eligibility arrangements which remove regional eligibility distinctions from 1 January 2012; consider proposed recommendations within current budget constraints; and recommend appropriate savings that can be made to pay for any changes in eligibility for student income support to better assist those students who need it most. <p>Section 4 of the <i>Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Act 2010 Act</i> (the Act) requires the</p>	<p>The review cost \$433,000 (GST inclusive) for 2010-11 and 2011-12. (Includes DEEWR staff costs.) There was not a separate cost for the report.</p>	<p>In 2010-11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x SES 2 x EL2 3 x EL1 1 x APS6 1 x APS5 1 x APS 4 	<p>Completed</p>	<p>14 September 2011 (http://ministers.deewr.gov.au/evans/regional-students-benefit-youth-allowance-changes)</p> <p>21 September 2011 - second reading speech of the Social Security Amendment (Student Income Support Reforms) Bill 2011</p>

	<p>Minister to cause a comprehensive review to be undertaken of the impact of the student income support arrangements implemented by the Act on equity, with a particular focus on the impact on rural and regional students. Under the legislation, the review must start before 1 July 2012</p> <p>The Review was undertaken by Professor Kwong Lee Dow AM.</p>				
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How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this Financial Year to Date (2011-2012)	Details of report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.	How much did each Report cost/or is estimated to cost?	How many departmental staff were involved in each Report and at what level?	What is the current status of the Report?	When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
1. Higher Education Base Funding Review – Final Report	<p>The Review was announced on 26 October 2010. The report on the review was handed to Government on 28 October 2011. It has not yet been publicly released.</p> <p>Terms of Reference The review will establish enduring principles to underpin public investment in higher education, including the appropriate balance between public and private contributions towards the cost of undergraduate and postgraduate education. The review should identify and articulate the principles that should underpin the appropriate distribution of funding by discipline, the share of funding from Government, students and other sources and the best funding model to deliver increased teaching quality.</p> <p><i>Completion of report</i> The review will provide a report to the Government at the end of October 2011.</p> <p>Membership Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (chair) Professor Louise Watson, Professor Beth Webster Emeritus Professor Dennis Gibson AO (retired in August 2011).</p>	\$870,900 Some expenditure still to be finalised.	1 SES band 1 2 EL2 5 EL1 3 APS6	Completed	Not determined

2. Future arrangements for Commonwealth-supported postgraduate student places – Summary of Submissions	<p>The Review was initiated by the release of a consultation paper on 1 November 2011.</p> <p>Submissions due 16 December 2011</p> <p>Terms of Reference yet to be specified</p>	Staffing costs only.	1 SES band 1 1 EL2 2 EL1s 1 APS 4 (ex graduate)	Not yet commenced	Not determined
3. Report of the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	<p>On 14 April 2011, the Government announced a Review into higher education access and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>Terms of Reference Provide advice and make recommendations in relation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. achieving parity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, researchers, academic and non-academic staff; 2. best practice and opportunities for change inside universities and other higher education providers; 3. effectiveness of existing Commonwealth Government programs that aim to encourage better outcomes for Indigenous Australians in higher education; and 4. the recognition and equivalence of Indigenous knowledge in the higher education sector. <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney (Chair) • Professor Steven Larkin, Chair of the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council • Robert Griew, Associate Secretary, DEEWR • Patricia Kelly, Deputy Secretary, DIISR 	Estimate at April 2011: \$1,177,998	SES: 2 (p/t) EL2: 1 (p/t) EL1: 5.5 EFT APS: 8 EFT	In progress	Not known