

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0128) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this 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. 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 each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

The response to this question can be found at [Attachment A](#).

Name of the Report	Access and Equity for a Multicultural Australia. Inquiry into the responsiveness of Australian Government services to Australia's culturally diverse and linguistically diverse population.
Date Commissioned	Panel established 18 November 2011.
Date Report Handed to Government	27 June 2012
Date of Public Release	29 June 2012
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inquiry into the Australian Government's current approach to Access and Equity and its implementation. 2. Provide prioritised recommendation to the Government for improving the responsiveness for Australian Government services to a culturally and linguistically diverse population.
Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter Hughes, PSM, Chair, former Department of Immigration and Citizenship Deputy Secretary, from Canberra. • Ms Maria Dimopoulos, member of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights and International Commission of Jurists and recipient of an Amnesty International Human Rights Award, from Victoria. • Ms Jatinder Kaur, a cultural diversity consultant, from Queensland. • Mr Pino Migliorino, Chair of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, from New South Wales. • Judge Rauf Soulio, Chair of the Australian Multicultural Council, <i>ex-officio member</i>, from South Australia.
Cost of Each Report	The costs associated with the Inquiry Panel will be absorbed by the Citizenship, Settlement and Multicultural Affairs Divisional budget.
Departmental Staff and Level	The secretariat is located in the Multicultural Policy Section of the Multicultural Affairs Branch and includes one A/g EL 1, one part time EL 1 and one A/g APS 5.
Current Status of Report	Delivered to Government on 27 June 2012.
Government Response	Late 2012 or early 2013.