

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 52

**Topic:** Commissioned Reports

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

- a) 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.
- b) 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?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

The definition of a 'Report' used in providing an answer to this Question on Notice is any report authorised by Government, finalised, handed to Government and subsequently made public. Documents produced as a component of work for Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Council of Australian Government (COAG) working groups and internal committees are excluded.

Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to the end of March 2014, there have been no reports commissioned by the Government in the Social Services Portfolio.