

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 355

Topic: Commissioned Reports

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Senator Smith asked:

How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency 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 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. Reports produced as a component of work for Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Council of Australian Government (COAG) working groups and internal committees are excluded.

As at 31 May 2013, one report has been commissioned this financial year by the Government in the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Title: The Social and Emotional Wellbeing of Indigenous Youth: Reviewing and Extending the Evidence and Examining the Implications for Policy and Practice

Commissioned: May 2010

Finalised: January 2013

Publicly Released: 31 May 2013

Cost: \$327,800 (GST inclusive)

The cost of the report is indicated in the list above. The Department does not separately identify the costs and number of staff supporting reports in its finance system. A significant diversion of resources would be required to research and calculate the total number and level of departmental staff involved in this report.

The current status of the report is indicated in the list above. The Government will respond in accordance to its responsibilities in relation to all commissioned reports.