

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 267**

**Topic:** Better Start for Children with Disability

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

With reference to Contract Notice No. 415313 from the Austender website, which commissioned KPMG to prepare a "...report examining evidence for the effectiveness of early intervention for children with disability":

- a) Can the Department provide an update of the status of this report?
- b) Has the KPMG report been submitted to FaHCSIA?
- c) Will the report be made publicly available? If so, when?
- d) Can the Department provide a list of the disabilities that were considered by KPMG for the purposes of this report?

**Answer:**

- a) The KPMG report on the evidence on the effectiveness of early intervention for children with disability was received by the Department on 30 September 2011.
- b) See (a) above.
- c) The report was released publicly on 20 December 2011 and is available on the FaHCSIA website:  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/pubs/policy/early\\_intervention\\_review/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/pubs/policy/early_intervention_review/Pages/default.aspx)
- d) There was no list of specific disabilities that were considered by KPMG for the purposes of this report.