

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 315**

**Program No: Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Commissioned Reports**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. 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.
2. 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?
3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

- 1- 3. A report into 'Licensed Post Office assessments' was commissioned by Australia Post on 12 May 2014 and undertaken by KPMG. The final report was provided to Australia Post by KPMG on 16 July 2014 and was subsequently provided to the Government and the Senate Committee. The report was made public by Australia Post on 25 September 2014. The scope of work is outlined in the public report. The cost of the report was approximately \$0.4m