

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question: BET 1253**

**Topic:**                      **Commissioned Reports**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1253. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the 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.

- a. How much did each report cost/ is estimated to cost?
- b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c. What is the current status of each report?
- d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

1253. 1 (one)

Report on State Revenue Sharing Relativities 2013 Update

Terms of Reference received 8 March 2013 and sent to Australian govt./States  
12 March 2013.

- a) See b. below
- b) Updates are a core responsibility of the Commission involving all staff either directly or indirectly. It is not possible to estimate what part of the Commission's budget of \$6.4m could be attributed to it, or to the underlying research and analysis undertaken by the Commission on State fiscal capacities.
- c) The report has been finalised and presented to government.
- d) The government has accepted the report.