Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 833

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 833. 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:

| Report | Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— |
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| | Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of |
| | unleaded petrol in Australia |
| Date commissioned | Direction under 95ZE of the Competition and Consumer |
| | Act 2010 dated 6 July 2012 |
| Date handed to | Report due by 17 December 2013 |
| Government | |
| Date of public release | Report due by 17 December 2013 |
| Terms of Reference | Monitoring of the prices, costs and profits relating to |
| | the supply of unleaded petroleum products in the |
| | petroleum industry in Australia for one year, effective |
| | from 17 December 2012 |
| Committee members | Not applicable |
| Estimated publication | Approximately \$17 000 |
| costs | |
| Staffing | A number of ACCC staff across a range of levels are |
| | involved in the preparation of the report |
| Current status | Report due for release by 17 December 2013 |
| Government response | Not applicable |