

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: **SBT 1099-1100**

Topic: **Commissioned Reports (ACCC)**

Written: **Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1099. How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? 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/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - b. What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
1100. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date (26 October 2012)? 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/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
1099. In 2011-12 the Government issued two directions to the ACCC commissioning a report under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

Report	Monitoring of the prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of aeronautical services and facilities at specified airports in Australia
Date commissioned	Direction under 95ZF of <i>the Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> dated 12 June 2012
Date handed to Government	As soon as practicable following the end of each financial year
Date of public release	As soon as practicable following the end of each financial year
Terms of Reference	Formal monitoring of the prices, costs and profits related to the supply of aeronautical services and facilities by the following persons:

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	a) Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport) b) Australia Pacific Airports Corporation Limited (Melbourne Tullamarine Airport) c) Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Limited (Brisbane Airport), and d) Perth Airport Pty Ltd (Perth Airport).
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	-
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Direction took effect from 1 July 2012 and replaced Direction No. 29 dated 28 June 2007, under the former <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i>
Government response	Not applicable

Report	Monitoring of the prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of car parking services at specified airports in Australia
Date commissioned	Direction under 95ZF of <i>the Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> dated 12 June 2012
Date handed to Government	As soon as practicable following the end of each financial year
Date of public release	As soon as practicable following the end of each financial year
Terms of Reference	Formal monitoring of the prices, costs and profits related to the supply of car parking services by the following persons: a) Sydney Airport Corporation Limited and any other person from time to time operating a car parking facility at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport b) Australia Pacific Airports Corporation Limited and any other person from time to time operating a car parking facility at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport c) Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Limited and any other person from time to time operating a car parking facility at Brisbane Airport, and d) Perth Airport Pty Ltd and any other person from time to time operating a car parking facility at Perth

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	Airport
Committee members	Not applicable
Publication costs	-
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Direction took effect from 1 July 2012 and replaced Direction No. 31 dated 7 April 2008, under the former <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i>
Government response	Not applicable

1100. In the financial year to date (to 26 October 2012), the Government issued one direction to the ACCC commissioning a report under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

Report	Monitoring of the Australian petroleum industry— Report of the ACCC into the prices, costs and profits of unleaded petrol in Australia
Date commissioned	Direction under 95ZE of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> dated 6 July 2012
Date handed to Government	Report due by 17 December 2013
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 costs	Approximately \$15 000
Staffing	A number of ACCC staff will be involved in the preparation of the report
Current status	Direction is to take effect after the previous direction dated 9 May 2011 expires on 16 December 2012
Government response	Not applicable