

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1103-1104

Topic: Commissioned Reports (CGC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1103. 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?
1104. 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?

Answer:

1103. 1 (one).

Report on State Revenue Sharing Relativities 2012 Update.

Terms of Reference received 13 February 2012.

Report tabled for public release 24 February 2012.

- a) The printing of the report cost \$6770.00. 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 \$6.2m could be attributed to it, or to the underlying research and analysis undertaken by the Commission on State fiscal capacities.
- b) The report has been presented to Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations on 4 April 2012. The Treasurer's Determination was signed 23 June 2012.

1104. Nil.