

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000228

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Commissioned reports

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?

(a) 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

Three reports

Name of report	Additional analysis – quantitative research on child care financial assistance models
Commissioned by	Department of Education and Training.
Date commissioned	23 November 2015.
Date provided to department	25 November 2015
Date provided to Government	26 November 2015
Date of public release	The report has not been publicly released.
Terms of Reference	N/A
Committee members	N/A
Cost	\$4345 GST inclusive.
Involvement of departmental staff, including level	Analysis of the report required involvement from 1 EL2 and 1 EL1 staff, and clearance by SES (Branch Manager and Group Manager level).
Current status of report	The report has been finalised. The Government has responded by introducing child care reform legislation into Parliament.

Name of report	Feasibility study into an Industry-Led Quality Framework for International Education Agents
Commissioned by	Department of Education and Training.
Date commissioned	15 October 2015.
Date provided to department	The final report is due to the department on 30 July 2016.
Date provided to Government	Final report not yet received.

Date of public release	It is not known at this time whether the report will be released publicly.
Terms of Reference	The scope of this report has been negotiated with the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA).
Committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from English Australia. • Representative from University of Adelaide. • Representatives from Department of Education and Training. • Representative from IEAA. • Representative from Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA). • Representative from Universities Australia (UA). • Representative from Council of Private Higher Education (COPHE). • Representative from Australian Government Schools International (AGSI). • Representatives from Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). • Representative from RMIT University.
Cost	The estimated cost for this report is \$150,000 GST inclusive.
Involvement of departmental staff, including level	SES Band 1 – Committee member. EL2 – Committee member. EL1 – Secretariat for Department of Education and Training
Current status of report	The department received the first milestone of this report on 11 December 2015. It will be up to the Government to decide how to respond to this report.

Name of report	International Innovation Benchmarks : Scan of overseas models of university/industry research collaboration and analysis of implications for Australia
Commissioned by	Department of Education and Training.
Date commissioned	5 October 2015.
Date provided to department	19 October 2015.
Date provided to Government	N/A
Date of public release	The report informed the Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements conducted by Dr Watt and was not intended for public release.
Terms of Reference	The supplier will provide a document based on a review and assessment of overseas models of industry/university research collaboration and their implications for Australia.
Committee members	N/A
Cost	\$13,200 GST inclusive.
Involvement of departmental staff, including level	Two staff (one SES Band 1 and one EL1) contributed to defining the statement of work for the contract and reviewing the final report prior to acceptance of the report.
Current status of report	Complete and accepted by the department.