

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0154\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & all agencies: Commissioned reports**

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? 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**

Two reports were commissioned between Additional Estimates in February, 2014 and Budget Estimates 2014–2015.

Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – Independent Review 2014

1. – 3. Please see ED0162\_15 for details.

Report on innovative funding options for higher education infrastructure

1. The report was commissioned on 13 May 2014. Terms of Reference are not yet finalised. The working group comprises Mr Philip Clark AM, Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC and Professor Ian Chubb AC.
2. The total cost is estimated at \$260,000. To assist the working group's activities, the department will engage a consultant with expertise in university finances. Two departmental staff at the Executive Level 2 and Executive Level 1 levels will provide secretariat support for the working group.
3. The report is expected to be presented to the Minister by April 2015. The Government has not yet indicated whether it intends to release the report publicly or provide a public response.