

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Productivity Commission inquiry

Senator LINES: I want to go to the Productivity Commission inquiry. It is due to present its final report to the government on 31 October 2014. Obviously the government will have to table that in 25 sitting days. Does the government, the minister or the department have a timetable in mind for this?

Ms Wilson: I think this is still subject to government consideration.

Senator LINES: Yes, that is why I also ask the minister. Beyond the 25 days of the Productivity Commission report sitting in the parliament, does the government have a timetable in mind for publicly releasing the report?

Senator Payne: It is a matter for government. I do not have any advice from the minister on that, no.

Senator LINES: Is it possible for you to take that on notice? Senator Payne: Certainly.

Answer

Under the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*, the Australian Government is required to table the final report in the Parliament within 25 sitting days of receipt. The date of tabling the final report in the Parliament is a matter for Government.