

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
9 February 2016

**Department/Agency:** All  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Commissioned reports

**Senator:** Ludwig  
**Question reference number:** F71  
**Type of question:** Written  
**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** Friday, 1 April 2016

**Number of pages:** 2

**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? 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:**

For the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016:

<b>Department/ Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A Scoping Study into options for the future management, operations and ownership of the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) was commissioned on 14 December 2015 for consideration in context of the 2016-17 Budget. The Terms of Reference for the Scoping Study are available on the Department of Finance website: <a href="http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/">http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/</a>. The Committee oversighting the review is chaired by the Department of Finance with members from the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and ARTC.</li><li>2. The estimated direct cost of business and legal advisers for the Scoping Study is \$841,000. Departmental staff involved in the review expressed in terms of Average Staffing Level equivalent: 0.5 Senior Executive Services Band 1; 2 Executive Level 2; 4 Executive Level 1; and 0.5</li></ol>

<b>Department/ Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
	APS4. 3. The report is ongoing.
Australian Electoral Commission	1. Nil. 2. – 3. N/A.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1. Nil. 2. – 3. N/A.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. Nil. 2. – 3. N/A.