

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

1. Do the reports by the COAG Reform Council place any requirements on the States or Commonwealth to deliver on a given measure or to take any further actions?
2. The Council lists a number of reports on its website. Are these reports printed? What is the cost of having these reports printed?
3. Who are the reports distributed to? What is the distribution cost?

Answer:

1. No.
2. A small number of reports are printed and bound in-house, with report covers being professionally printed. The cost of printing report covers from 1 July 2013 to 1 May 2014 was \$4,182.75.
3. Reports are distributed to first ministers, journalists at media launches and a small number of stakeholders. The only direct cost for distributing the reports is postage. The average cost to distribute the full set of each report ranges from \$69.70 to \$133.15.