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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: **BR17**
Topic: **Tourism Report – The Impacts of the Passenger Movement Charge on Tourism Output and the Economy**
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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY: I know. You are aware of that. You just had a discussion about that. What date was that report commissioned?

Mr Calder: Senator, I would have to check the exact date. That report was commissioned probably six to eight months before it was released.

Senator BUSHBY: So six to eight months before 15 March 2011?

Mr Calder: Yes.

Senator Sherry: We should take that on notice.

Senator BUSHBY: If you can find an exact date. That gives me an indication. How long did the report take to complete? Was it the six to eight month period between—

Mr Calder: Yes.

Answer:

The Tourism Research Committee (states and territories and the Australian Government) agreed to the proposed set of computable general equilibrium (CGE) modelling projects in June 2010. The contracts with relevant universities to undertake this work were signed in November 2010 and the final report on the Passenger Movement Charge project was published in May 2011.