

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question No: BET 146

Topic: ACCC – Commissioned Reports

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Senator Bushby asked:

1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since February Estimates 2011? 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? How many departmental 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:

Since October Estimates 2010, the Government has not issued a direction to the ACCC under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or the *Australian Competition and Consumer Act 2010* which commissioned a report.