Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Question: 104

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Asked By: Senator FIFIELD

Type of Question: Written

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- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

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Answer:

See attached table.

Title	Details	Date commissioned	Date report handed to Government	Date of public release	Terms of Reference	Committee Members	How much did each report cost?	How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?	What is the current status of each report?	When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
Financial sustainability assessment of Norfolk Island Government	To investigate the financial sustainability of Norfolk Island Government, following Norfolk Island Government's request for financial assistance.	4 March 2011	33 March 2011	N/A	 Deloitte were requested to perform a Financial Sustainability Assessment of the services and functions conducted by the NI Government and Norfolk Air. The scope of the review was to cover the following areas: Financial analysis of the NI Government's financial situation, comprising: Analysis of financial position Examination of material assets Analysis of short term cash deficit Analysis of short term cash deficit Analysis of budgets for FY11-12 Provision of commentary regarding sustainability of NI Government's financial position and budgets. Analysis of the financial performance of Norfolk Air, comprising: Financial performance Most recent balance sheet Analysis of budgets for FY11-12 Specific analysis of Norfolk Air's contractual arrangements with Air Nauru 	N/A	\$180,000 (GST inclusive)	Nil	Completed	To be used in the Australian Government's consideration of future assistance to Norfolk Island.
Community census and well- being survey of the Norfolk Island population	The work produced a basic community profile and a well-being report.	March 2011	N/A	April 2011	Deloitte Access Economics was engaged by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government to design, implement and analyse a comprehensive and independent survey of the population and housing on Norfolk Island. The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive base of information on the economic and social wellbeing of the Norfolk Island population as at March 2011.	N/A	\$236.842 (GST inclusive)	Nil	Completed	To be used in the Australian Government's consideration of future assistance to Norfolk Island and reforms required.
Advice in relation to air services provided to the Administration of Norfolk Island	The work provided advice in relation to the current provision of air services to Norfolk Island.	17 January 2011	N/A	N/A	Provide the Commonwealth with advice regarding the provision of air services to Norfolk Island. The report will be used by the Commonwealth to assess the financial viability of the air services provided by the Charterer under the trading name "Norfolk Air".	N/A	\$36,050 (GST inclusive)	Nil	Draft	To be used in the Australian Government's consideration of future assistance to Norfolk Island.