

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator: Senator Ryan

Question reference number: 142

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2011

Number of pages: 4

Question:

How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.

1. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
2. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

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.

1. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
2. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

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Answer:

Consistent with past practice a ‘report commissioned by the Government’ is considered to be a report formally requested by a minister or ministers, including the Prime Minister, with established terms of reference and to which a government response is expected.

Answers to the questions are provided in the attached table.

Question on Notice: 142 - COMMISSIONED REPORTS – 2010-2011 and FYTD

Portfolio: Prime Minister and Cabinet

No.	Title	Date Commissioned	Date Handed to Government	Date of Public Release	Terms of Reference	Committee Members	Cost of Report (GST Incl)	No. of Staff Involved	Level of Staff	Current Status	Government to Respond to Report by When
1	Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts	11-Apr-11	31-Oct-11	TBC	1. Examine current Australian Government arrangements for encouraging private sector support for the arts in Australia and consider any potential enhancements to existing Australian Government measures. 2. Consider the potential efficacy and feasibility of possible new models for encouraging private sector support within the Australian context and provide an assessment of emerging international models that may be relevant to the Australian setting. 3. As appropriate, develop policy options for the Australian Government's consideration, including in the context of the National Cultural Policy.	Harold Mitchell AC (Chair)	Nil - no consultant costs in 2010-11. Review undertaken by PM&C staff - associated costs were absorbed.	4	SES1 (.5), EL2 (1), EL1 (1), APS6 (1)	Concluded	Under consideration
2	Review of the SES	8-May-10	3-Mar-11	16-Sep-11	To contribute to the development by the Australian Public Service Commission of new work level standards and capability requirements for each SES level as required by recommendation 6.2 of Ahead of the Game: Blueprint for the reform of Australian Government Administration. These standards and requirements will have regard to:	Chair - Roger Beale AO. Professor Warwick Anderson AM, Ms Renee Leon, Mr Shane Carmody, Mr Ewan McDonald, Mr Gary Dunn, Ms Carmel McGregor, Mr Martin Hoffman,	\$482,480	2.25	SES B1 to APS 6	With Govt	In due course

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					- good practice both within the public and private sectors in Australia and internationally; - the suitability of each option to be expanded more broadly to other non-SES classifications in the APS; - the Blueprint's vision for the future for: - new work level standards linked to classification structures that ensure fairness through similar remuneration for similar work; and - frameworks that establish APS-wide work level standards and articulate the core skills and competencies required for APS roles. The role of the Reference Group will include: - provide feedback on options prepared by the consultant on methodologies for developing work level standards for the SES and a new capability framework for the SES, including how the two concepts might interact as a mutually reinforcing framework; - provide feedback on draft work level standards and capability requirements for the SES prepared by the consultant.	Ms Mary Murnane, Mr Bruce Hunter, Mr Richard Murray, Dr James Johnson and Mr Simon Lewis PSM					

Please note *the Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts* should have been reported in the response to the Commission Reports question from the May 2011 Budget Estimates Hearings. It was inadvertently omitted due to an administrative error.

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Commissioned Reports

Senator: Fifield

Question reference number: 141

Type of question: Written

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Question:

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- 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?**

Answer:

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No reports have been commissioned in 2010-11.