

Estimates Committee 2006 Questions Taken On Notice

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Auditor - General's Office

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Question: Can you detail the expenditure from the Office of Auditor-General in 2005-06 on reports produced that have been either produced internally or outsourced and include what the purpose of those reports were, who and what organisation prepared them, the cost of the reports, and whether they have been tabled in parliament, what the outcomes of those reports were, and how did the numbers of reports compare to the same period in the proceeding year?

Answer:

Answered On: 13/07/2006

Answer: Expenditure on reports produced that have been either produced internally or outsourced totalled \$10,547.09.

The purpose of the reports was: (a) to provide the Legislative Assembly with information about the results of audits performed by the NTAGO; and (b) to provide members of the Legislative Assembly and agencies with information about the activities of the NTAGO and its performance for the 2004-05 financial year.

All reports were prepared by the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office and printed by the Government Printing Office.

The cost of each report was as follows:

August 2005 report - \$4810.00

February 2006 report - \$3618.00

Annual Report - \$2119.09

The August 2005 and February 2006 reports were tabled in Parliament. The Annual Report is prepared as a document for the information of interested stakeholders. It was not tabled, given the provisions of Regulations made under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act. Notwithstanding, copies were provided to each member of the Legislative Assembly.

The August 2005 and February 2006 reports were debated by the Legislative Assembly and, where appropriate, statements were made to the Legislative Assembly by respective Ministers on matters dealt with by the reports.

The number of reports prepared for the year ended 30 June 2006 was three, compared with four for 2004-05. The additional report prepared for 2004-05 was on the subject of contracts awarded to Metis Consulting Pty Ltd by government agencies.