
TREASURY

SENATE QUESTION

Notice Given: 6 August 2012

(Question No. 1989)

Senator Abetz asked the Minister representing the Treasurer, upon notice, on 6 August 2012 –

For each of the following financial years, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12:

- (1) When was the due date for submissions to the Commonwealth Grants Commission in relation to goods and services tax (GST).
- (2) When did the Tasmanian Government provide its submission.
- (3) Can a list be provided detailing each occasion, including the date, location and who was present, when the Commonwealth Grants Commission, in relation to GST, met with:
 - (a) the Premier of Tasmania;
 - (b) Tasmanian Government ministers; and
 - (c) Tasmanian Government public servants.

ANSWER

Senator Wong: The Treasurer has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

- (1) States are requested to respond to the New Issues paper for years in which updates are conducted and to the Draft report for years when a Review is conducted.

Update 2008 – New Issues Paper – response due 15 August 2007

Update 2009 – New Issues Paper – response due 12 September 2008

Review 2010 – Draft Report – response due 30 September 2009

Update 2011 – New Issues Paper – response due 31 August 2010

Update 2012 – New Issues Paper – response due 28 October 2011

- (2) **Update 2008** – New Issues Paper – response received 17 September 2007

Update 2009 – New Issues Paper – response received 12 September 2008

Review 2010 - Draft Report - responses from Tasmania

Attachment	Assessment	Date of response
1	Treatment of Commonwealth Payments	9/10/2009
2	Payroll tax	8/10/2009
3	Land tax	Nil response
4	Stamp duty on conveyances	9/10/2009
5	Insurance taxes	9/10/2009
6	Motor taxes	9/10/2009
7	Mining revenue	8/10/2009
8	Other revenue	9/10/2009
9	Schools education	8/10/2009
10	Post-secondary education	8/10/2009
11	Admitted patient services	8/10/2009
12	Community and other health services	30/09/2009
13	Welfare and housing	1/10/2009
14	Services to communities	Nil response
15	Justice services	8/10/2009
16	Roads	8/10/2009
17	Transport services	30/09/2009
18	Services to industry	29/09/2009
19	Other expenses	14/09/2009
20	Capital	8/10/2009
	Capital – supplementary addendum	4/11/2009
21	Administrative scale	29/09/2009
22	Location costs – regional location	29/09/2009
	Location costs – interstate location factors	1/10/2009

23	Service delivery scale	30/09/2009
24	National capital allowances	8/10/2009
25	Cross-border costs	8/10/2009
26	Native title and land rights	16/09/2009
27	How relativities are calculated	Nil response

Update 2011 – New Issues Paper – response received 1 September 2010

Update 2012 – New Issues Paper – response received 1 November 2011

(3)

(a) No meetings

(b) No meetings

(c) The Chair and Secretary met with the Under Treasurer of Tasmania (and other Under Treasurers and senior State officials) in Canberra on 13 August 2009.

The Chair met Tasmanian Under Treasurer and senior officials in Hobart on 2 August 2010.

The Chair met with the Tasmanian Under Treasurer on 10 June 2011 in Hobart.

Other meetings involving various Commission staff and Tasmanian Government Departments, primarily but not exclusively Treasury were:

2008-09

25 July -Victoria and Tasmanian Treasuries meeting with Commission staff to discuss the Capital assessment, Melbourne

14 August – Visit by Commission and staff to discuss the Capital assessment with all states, South Australia

22-23 October – Discussion with states – 2010 review revenue and expenses category assessment, Canberra

3-4 December – Location working party meeting for all states – discussion on interstate wages and non-wage costs; and staff level meeting – health and welfare, Canberra

18 February – Teleconference with all states to discuss assessments for the 2009 update report

2-3 April – Commission meeting with all state officers to discuss assessment items relating to the 2010 review, Canberra

28 May – Commission meeting with all states before release of the 2010 review draft report, Canberra

2009-10

3 July – Teleconference withal states to discuss the handling of the 2010 review draft report

27-29 July 2009 – State visit to Tasmania by staff

13 August – Commission meeting with all states heads of treasuries at Australian treasury offices, Canberra

27 October – Teleconference with all state treasury officers – 2010 review submission

11-12 May – State visit to Tasmania by commission staff.

2010-11

27 August – Staff met with state treasury officers, Canberra – data working party 2015 review, Canberra

2011-12

7 July – Data working party meeting with all state treasuries, Canberra