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The Assistant Treasurer
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Dear Assistant Treasurer

We submit to you the Productivity Commission's annual report for 2011-12. The report is prepared in accordance with section 10 of the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*. The Commission's Act requires that a copy of this report be tabled within 15 sitting days of each House of Parliament after the day of receipt of the report.

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Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
ACCI	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
AGCNCO	Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
ALGA	Australian Local Government Association
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANU	Australian National University
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ANZSOG	Australia and New Zealand School of Government
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
APS	Australian Public Service
BRCWG	Business Regulation and Competition Working Group (COAG)
CEDA	Committee for Economic Development of Australia
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CRC	COAG Reform Council
EFIC	Export Finance and Investment Corporation
EGWW	Electricity, gas, water & waste services
GS	Gas supply
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GTAP	Global Trade Analysis Project
GTEs	Government trading enterprises
ICTs	Information and communication technologies
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LP	labour productivity
MFP	multifactor productivity
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy

NATSEM	National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling
NBN	National Broadband Network
NCP	National Competition Policy
NRA	National Reform Agenda
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHS	Occupation health and safety
OID	Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report
PC	Productivity Commission
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
R&D	Research and development
ROGS	Report on Government Services
SES	Senior Executive Service
SLA	Statistical Local Areas
TCF	Textiles, clothing and footwear
WSSD	Water supply sewerage & drainage services