

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 39

Topic: Reviews

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Senator McKenzie asked:

For this financial year to date:

- (a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- (b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- (d) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- (e) What reviews are planned?
- (f) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

39 (a) The definition of 'Reviews' used to answer this question is any review publicly initiated by the Department or by one of its portfolio agencies. Other work relating to Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Coalition of Australian Governments working groups and internal committees are excluded.

For the current financial year up to 31 January 2012, there are 11 reviews currently being undertaken in the FaHCSIA portfolio. The details are set out below.

Review Title: Helping Children with Autism Package Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: February 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$650,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of the six Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: February 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$188,513 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of the Respite Support for Carers of Young People (RSCYP) with Severe or Profound Disability and Service Delivery Costs/Options for RSCYP and Young Carers Respite

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: March 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$151,045 (GST exclusive)

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Review Title: Evaluation of the Reconnect Program

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: March 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$99,440 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Rural, Remote and Indigenous Service Delivery under the Targeted Community Care (Mental health) Program.

Date provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: March 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$225,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Broadband for Seniors Program Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: June 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$169,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Community Development Financial Institution Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: June 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$179,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Progress Review of Year 2 of the National Women's Alliances

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: October 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$30,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title:

Evaluation of Income Management in Western Australia: Phase 2

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: December 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$400,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: December 2014

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$2,775,490 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of Place-Based Income Management in Targeted Disadvantaged Locations

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date: May 2015

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Estimated Cost: \$1,843,082 (GST exclusive)

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39 (b) Nine reviews have been concluded this financial year, up to 31 January 2012. The details are set out below. In relation to reviews conducted this financial year that are still ongoing, expected conclusion dates are indicated in 39 (a) above.

Review Title: A Review of Tables for the Assessment of Work-Related Impairment for Disability Support Pension

Date Provided to Government: July 2011

Date Government will respond: The Government accepted the report and it was released on FaHCSIA's website on 29 July 2011

Cost: \$200,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Review of Eligible Interventions for Helping Children with Autism Package

Date Provided to Government: August 2011

Date Government will respond: Government has published an Executive Summary (March 2011)

Cost: \$68,509 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Reviewing the Evidence of the Effectiveness of Early Childhood Intervention

Date Provided to Government: September 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$89,037 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Better Practice in Financial Management Program Services

Date Provided to Government: September 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$336,726 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability

Date Provided to Government: October 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$102,364 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Progress Review of Year 1 of the National Women's Alliances

Date Provided to Government: October 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$28,237 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Case Based Funding Review

Date provided to Government: December 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government.

Cost: \$448,567.83 (GST exclusive)

Additional Information: The Case Based Funding report was received but work is ongoing with stakeholder workshops being held. Due date for completion is June 2012.

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Review Title: Family Tax Benefit – Participation Requirement Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: December 2011

Date Government will respond: Not for response – for information only

Cost: \$170,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Community Support Service (CSS) Review Proposal

Date Provided to Government: January 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$95,000 (GST exclusive)

39 (c) The details of reviews provided to Government and Government responses are indicated in 39 (a) and 39 (b) above.

39 (d) The cost of each review is indicated in 39 (a) and 39 (b) above.

39 (e) All planned reviews are identified in 39 (a) above.

39 (f) Details of when each review will be concluded is indicated in 39 (a) above.