

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 059

**Topic:** Reviews

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

What is the total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010?

**Answer:**

The definition of 'Reviews' used to answer this question is any review publicly initiated by the Department or by one of its portfolio Ministers. Other work relating to Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Coalition of Australian Governments working groups and internal committees are excluded. This approach is consistent with previous responses and updates information provided in answers to Questions on Notice 018 to 021 from the 2009-10 Additional Estimates.

The Department has previously responded to similar questions on reviews from Senator Barnett (Budget Estimates Question on Notice 017 of June 2010, Additional Estimates Question on Notice 018 of February 2010 and Senate Question on Notice No S1846 of July 2007), Senator Humphries (Estimates Question on Notice 055 of February 2009), Senator Ronaldson (Senate Question on Notice No S952 of November 2008), and Senator Bernardi (Estimates Question on Notice No 031 of October 2008).

Since Budget Estimates Question on Notice 017 of June 2010 one review has been completed:

- Evaluation of the Child Protection Scheme of Income Management and Voluntary Income Management Measures in Western Australia – completed in August (Cost: \$0.256m). More information is available at:  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/cpsim\\_vim\\_wa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/cpsim_vim_wa/Pages/default.aspx)

In response to Budget Estimates Question on Notice 017 of June 2010 from Senator Barnett, a Review of International Repatriation Policy and Programs by the International Repatriation Advisory Committee was listed as an ongoing review. Responsibility for this program and the International Repatriation Advisory Committee has been shifted from this portfolio to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet as a result of recent changes to the Administrative Arrangements Order.

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As indicated in response to Senate Question on Notice S952 to Senator Ronaldson and Question on Notice 058 to Senator Humphries (2009 Additional Estimates hearings), Question on Notice 020 to Senator Barnett (2010 Additional Estimates hearings) and Question on Notice 018 from Senator Barnett (2010 Budget Estimates), the Government responds in accordance to its responsibilities in relation to all completed reviews.

There are three reviews which are currently ongoing.

- Productivity Commission Inquiry into Disability and Care Support - due to be completed July 2011. The Terms of Reference for this review are available at:  
<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support>
- Evaluation of the New Income Management Scheme – preliminary findings are expected at the end of 2011. Subsequent evaluation reports will be provided in 2012 and 2013 with the evaluation due to be completed in December 2014. More information is available at:  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/income\\_factsheet/Pages/factsheet\\_1.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/income_factsheet/Pages/factsheet_1.aspx)
- Evaluation of Paid Parental Leave – due to be completed in March 2014. More information is available at:  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/progserv/paid\\_parental/parental\\_leave/Documents/paid\\_parental\\_leave/page12.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/progserv/paid_parental/parental_leave/Documents/paid_parental_leave/page12.htm) and  
[http://www.jennymacklin.fahcsia.gov.au/mediareleases/2010/Pages/js\\_ppleval\\_7july2010.doc.aspx](http://www.jennymacklin.fahcsia.gov.au/mediareleases/2010/Pages/js_ppleval_7july2010.doc.aspx)

Please list all other Groups consulted:

1. Corporate Support Group
2. Disability and Carers Group
3. Families Group
4. Housing and Homelessness Group
5. Housing Delivery Group
6. Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Group
7. Indigenous Programs and Economic Development Group
8. Information Management and Technology Group
9. Legal and Compliance Group
10. Community Engagement and Development Group
11. Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination Group
12. Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
13. Program Performance Group
14. Social Policy Group
15. Women and Children's Policy Group
16. Business and Financial Services and CFO

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