

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 313

Topic: Reviews

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Senator Boyce asked:

For 2011-12:

- a) How many Reviews were undertaken?
- b) Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d) Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- e) What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- f) For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

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.

The majority of Reviews did not require a formal Government response, as they were designed to inform future program and service development. Reviews to which the Government has responded can be found at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

In the Financial Year 2011-12 there were 18 reviews completed. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Cost
Evaluation of the six Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres	7 February 2012	\$188,513 (GST exclusive)
Helping Children with Autism Package Evaluation	6 March 2012	\$650,000 (GST exclusive)
Case Based Funding Review	December 2011	\$502,884.83 (GST exclusive)
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	March 2012	\$151,045 (GST exclusive)
Review of Eligible Interventions for Helping Children with Autism Package	August 2011	\$68,509 (GST exclusive)

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Reviewing the Evidence of the Effectiveness of Early Childhood Intervention	September 2011	\$89,037 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability	October 2011	\$102,364 (GST exclusive)
A Review of Tables for the Assessment of Work-Related Impairment for Disability Support Pension	July 2011	\$200,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Reconnect Program – Phase 1	May 2012	\$109,384 (GST exclusive)
Family Tax Benefit – Participation Requirement Evaluation	December 2011	\$167,845 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Australian Football League (AFL) Remote Regional Program – Wadeye	19 December 2011	\$172,000 (GST exclusive)
Community Safety and Wellbeing Research Study	September 2011	\$1.863 million
Community Safety: results from the service provider survey in the Northern Territory	October 2011	\$50,000
Community Development Financial Institution Evaluation	June 2012	\$179,000 (GST Inclusive)
Better Practice in Financial Management Program Services	September 2011	\$336,726 (GST Inclusive)
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.	March 2012	\$225,000 (GST Inclusive)
Progress Review of Year 1 of the National Women’s Alliances	October 2011	\$28,237 (GST Inclusive)
Community Support Service (CSS) Review Proposal	January 2012	\$95,000 (GST Inclusive)

Details of completed reviews are provided in (a) above. Ongoing reviews are reported in the current financial year. Refer QoN 312.