

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 713-714

Topic: Reviews (PC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

713. For this financial year to date (26 October 2012):

- 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?
- d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- f. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- g. What reviews are planned?
- h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?

714. 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:

713. (a) Since 30 June 2012, the Government has commissioned two new projects:

- a 12-month inquiry into the non-financial barriers to mineral and energy resource exploration (reference received 27 September 2012);
- a 12-month inquiry into the National Access Regime (reference received 25 October 2012).

Full details on these projects are provided on the Commission's website at:

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects>

(b) The projects are ongoing. Information on timing of draft and final report dates is available on the Commission's website.

(c) As above.

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(d) The Commission does not have information on the proposed timing of Government responses to its reports.

(e) As above.

(f) Information on the estimated costs of these projects is not available at this time. Where available this will be reported in the Commission's 2012-13 Annual Report.

(g) The Commission does not have information on planned reviews.

(h) Information on timing of draft and final report dates is available on the Commission's website.

714. (a) Full details on Commission reviews requested by the government in 2011-12 are available in the Commission's 2011-12 Annual Report: <http://www.pc.gov.au/annual-reports/annual-report-2011-12>

(b) As above.

(c) As above.

(d) The Commission does not have information on the proposed timing of Government responses to its reports.

(e) Where available, information on the estimated costs of these projects is available in the Commission's 2011-12 Annual Report: <http://www.pc.gov.au/annual-reports/annual-report-2011-12>

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