

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F87

Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Reviews

Question:

1. Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:
 - a) the date they were ordered
 - b) the date they commenced
 - c) the minister responsible
 - d) the department responsible
 - e) the nature of the review
 - f) their terms of reference
 - g) the scope of the review
 - h) Whom is conducting the review
 - i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
 - j) the expected report date
 - k) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
2. For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
 - a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
 - b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
 - c) If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item
 - d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
 - e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
 - f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
 - g) If yes, for each, who selected them
 - h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
 - (i) If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - (ii) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - (iii) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - (iv) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - (v) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
3. Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
4. Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.

5. Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
6. Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
8. What reviews are planned?
 - a) When will each planned review be commenced?
 - b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - c) When will government respond to each review?
 - d) Will the government release each review?
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No strategic reviews have commenced since 7 September 2013. 2. N/A. 3. Two strategic reviews are currently ongoing. These reviews are consistent with normal policy development processes and would not typically be made public as they are commissioned by, and for the consideration of, Cabinet. 4. Nil. 5. Four strategic reviews have been concluded since the Budget Estimates hearings in May 2013. These reviews are consistent with normal policy development processes and would not typically be made public as they are commissioned by, and for the consideration of, Cabinet. 6. Nil. 7. This is a matter for Government. 8. Nil.
AEC	<p>The following response is for the date range of 7 September 2013 to 6 December 2013 unless otherwise specified</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One. The Keelty Review into the 2013 WA Senate Election. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 31 October 2013 b) 5 November 2013 c) N/A d) Australian Electoral Commission e) Inquiry into the 2013 WA Senate Election f) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Make findings on what factors may have contributed to the misplacing of the ballot papers. ii. Recommend what changes could be made in the future to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in future elections. iii. Recommend any other actions that might be regarded as necessary or prudent. g) As per the terms of reference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) Mr Mick Keelty AO i) For periods of the review: PEO Tier 2 (1), SES Band 2 (1), SES Band 1 (1), EL1 (2), graduate (1) j) Reported 2 December 2013 k) Made public 6 December 2013 <p>2. Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr Mick Keelty AO, trading as Sumic Enterprises b) Nil c) \$52,000 for contract services and \$10,214 for travel costs d) Inquiry into the 2013 WA Senate Election e) No f) Nil g) The Australian Electoral Commissioner, with advice provided by the Chairman of the Australian Electoral Commission h) No <p>3. Nil</p> <p>4. Nil</p> <p>5. Keelty Review. See above and QoN F24</p> <p>6. Keelty Review. See above and QoN F24</p> <p>7. The AEC will provide ongoing progress reports to the JSCEM regarding the implementation of Mr Keelty's recommendations.</p> <p>8. Nil</p>
ComSuper	1. - 8. N/A.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil 2. N/A 3. N/A 4. N/A 5. Nil 6. Nil 7. N/A 8. N/A
Future Fund Management Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a) to k) None. 2. a) to h) None. 3. to 6. None. 7. Not applicable 8. a) to d) None