

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0531_12EW0531_12

Senator Back provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No's - [EW0010_12](#), [EW0056_11](#), [EW0241_11](#), [EW0798_10](#), [EW0807_10](#), [EW851_10](#) and [EW0846_10](#).

Question

Reviews

Reviews - For the year 2010-11: • How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? • What reviews have been concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? For this financial year to date: • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? • What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?"

Answer

Twenty-seven reviews were undertaken by the department and agencies for the year 2010–11. For this financial year to date, six reviews are planned. See [Attachment A](#) for details.

ATTACHMENT A

Reviews undertaken for 2010-11:	When will the Reviews be concluded?	Has the review been concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	Estimated cost of the Review?
1. National Safe Schools Framework Review	July 2010	Concluded	Yes	MCEECDYA endorsed the revised National Safe Schools Framework in December 2010. The Framework was published in March 2011.	\$127,000
2. Independent review of the impact of the job seeker compliance framework (Disney Review)	September 2010	Concluded	Yes	Measures were announced as part of <i>Building Australia's Future Workforce</i> in the 2011-12 Budget.	\$115,000 (Excludes DEEWR staff costs)
3. Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Council: Strengthening the AQF: An Architecture for Australia's Qualifications (3 Phases)	November 2010	Concluded	Yes	Public launch 23 June 2011	\$1,250,000
4. Review of Regional Loading	December 2010	Concluded	Yes	Government responded to the review on 10 May 2011, with announcements in the 2011-12 Budget.	\$342,688.67 (GST inclusive)
5. Apprenticeships for the 21st Century Expert Panel	January 2011	Concluded	The report of the Expert Panel <i>A Shared Responsibility: Apprenticeships for the 21st Century.</i>	December 2011	The cost of supporting the Expert Panel, including the development of its report was \$351,170.
6. National School Chaplaincy Program	April 2011	Concluded	Yes	September 2011	\$355,000
7. OECD Review on Evaluation and Assessment in Education: Australia report	May 2011	Concluded	Yes	Public release 18 August 2011	OECD Review on Evaluation and Assessment in Education: Australia report \$160,000
8. Phase One Review of the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program	30 May 2011	Concluded	Yes	The recommendation of the report has been noted by the Minister.	\$50,000
9. Consultation on future employment services – The Government sought feedback on the operation of Job Services Australia and Disability Employment Services.	May 2011	Concluded	Yes	The Government responded to the feedback it received in the 2011-12 Budget.	Not applicable
10. Taskforce on	June 2011	Concluded	Yes	Government introduced a range of reforms based	Cost met within

Reviews planned for FY 2011-2012 to date	When will the review be concluded?	Has the review been concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	Estimated cost of each of the Reviews?
1. Higher Education Learning and Teaching Review	October 2011	Concluded	Yes	The Government responded when the report was released in November 2011.	The final costs of the consultancy and report are not yet available. The maximum fee payable under the contract with the Higher Education Funding Council for England is \$77,903.
2. Consultation on future arrangements for Commonwealth-supported postgraduate student places	December 2011	Ongoing	No	1 st quarter 2012.	Nil
3. Review of Supported Wage Subsidy	January 2012	Ongoing	No	Not applicable	\$261,103
4. Review of the Education and Training Advisers Program	31 January 2012	Ongoing	No	Not applicable	\$60,000
5. Social outcome measure for JSA	June 2013	Ongoing	No	To be advised	To be advised
6. 2014 COAG Review of the National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care	December 2014	Ongoing	No	To be determined by Government	To be determined