Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Reviews

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what departmental or ministerial reviews are ongoing?

- a. Please list them.
- b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews.

Answer:

a. and b. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, the following are the ongoing ministerial reviews and current cost expended:

Review	Cost to date
Paid Parental Leave Review	Not applicable as undertaken solely within the Department
Evaluation of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme (including Dad and Partner Pay)	\$2.785 million (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of New Income Management in the Northern Territory, incorporating Study of Income Management in the Northern Territory	\$2.440m (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Place-based Income Management	\$1.285m (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Trial	Nil expended to date
Evaluation of Income Management in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in South Australia	\$0.150m (GST exclusive)
Review of the Welfare System	\$0.679m (GST exclusive) - as at 28 February 2014
Review of the Schedule of Specified Care and Services for Residential Care Services	\$0.032m (GST exclusive)

The Department routinely undertakes reviews of its processes. To identify these reviews would require a significant diversion of resources.