

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016

Ref No: SQ16-000168

OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Sunset Provisions

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:
 - a) What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?
 - b) Has any consideration been given to delaying or altering the sunset provisions?
 - c) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active
 - d) When did/will this work begin?
2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes:
 - a) When is/was the review due to commence.
 - b) What is the expected report date.
 - c) Who is the minister responsible for the review
 - d) What department is responsible for the review
 - e) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.
 - f) List the terms of reference.
 - g) What is the scope of the review.
 - h) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?
 - i) What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?
 - j) When was the Minister briefed on this matter?
 - k) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?
 - l) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
 - m) Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?

Answer:

Please see the Department of Health's response to Question on Notice SQ14-001452 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014.

The below response refers only to work done in relation to sunset provisions since Supplementary Budget Estimates in 2014 and legislation administered by the Department since the machinery of government changes in September 2015.

National Health Act 1953

(1) Division 4B of Part VII of the *National Health Act 1953*

- (a) The Expert Panel for the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation (the Review) was established on 24 November 2015 and the sunset provisions will be considered as part of that review.
- (b) That is a matter for the Review.
- (c) The Review is due to report to the Minister on 1 March 2017.
- (d) The Expert Panel was announced on 24 November 2015.

(2) (a) – (m) Not applicable.