

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 332

Topic: Reviews

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Senator Smith asked:

For this financial year to date:

- How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- What reviews are planned?
- When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

The definition of 'Reviews' used to answer this question is any review publicly initiated by the Department or by one of its portfolio agencies. Other work relating to Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Council of Australian Governments working groups and internal committees are excluded.

The majority of Reviews did not require a formal Government response, as they were designed to inform future program and service development. Reviews to which the Government has responded can be found at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

For the current financial year up to 31 May 2013 there are 11 Reviews currently being undertaken in the FaHCSIA portfolio. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Review of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme	Expected end date: December 2013	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme (including Dad and Partner Pay)	Expected end date: March 2014	\$3,345,000 (GST exclusive)
Native Title Organisation Review	Expected end date: December 2013	\$430,487 (GST inclusive)

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Evaluation of Income Management in Western Australia: Phase 2	Expected end date: July 2013	\$400,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory	Expected end date: December 2014	\$2,775,490 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Place-Based Income Management in Targeted Disadvantaged Locations	Expected end date: May 2015	\$2,025,305 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Better Start for Children with a Disability Initiative (Better Start)	Due December 2013	\$371,250 (GST exclusive)
Better Start Review of Eligible Therapies	Due June 2013	\$150,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund (SAIF)	Expected end date: December 2014	To be confirmed. Estimated cost is \$80,000 to \$100,000 (GST exclusive)
East Kimberley Youth Services Network Evaluation (this is a joint evaluation by FaHCSIA and Attorney-General's Department (AGD)).	Due June 2013	Attorney-General's Department paid the total cost for the services
The Learning on Country Program Evaluation	Expected end date: March 2015	\$247,464.80 (GST inclusive)

Twelve reviews have concluded this financial year, up to 31 May 2013. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Evaluation of the Reconnect Program – Phase 2	February 2013	\$30,000 (GST exclusive)
Alternate Payment Mechanisms for Early Intervention Services	Completed July 2012 and was published on FaHCSIA's website on 10 December 2012	\$101,818 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations	January 2013	\$73,459 (GST inclusive)
Evaluation of MyTime Peer Support Groups for Parents and Carers of Children with Disability or Chronic Medical Condition	April 2013	\$80,000 (GST exclusive)

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Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Regional Partnership Agreement Progress Evaluation Report	August 2012	\$189,350 (GST inclusive)
Broadband for Seniors Evaluation	December 2012	\$169,000 (GST exclusive)
Progress Review of Year 2 of the National Women's Alliances	November 2012	\$60,000 (GST Inclusive)
Cape York Welfare Reform Evaluation	Completed January 2013, and published on FaHCSIA website 28 March 2013	\$2,291,012 (GST inclusive)
Petrol Sniffing Strategy Whole of Strategy Evaluation	April 2013	\$169,000 (GST inclusive)
Evaluation of the All Children Being Safe Tamworth pilot	Published on FaHCSIA's website on 5 December 2012	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of Part IV (Mining) Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976	March 2013	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of the adequacy of the Household Assistance Package	The Treasurer and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs were committed to review the adequacy of the package annually in the Budget context over the fixed price period. The first Review was completed in May 2013 and published on the FaHCSIA website.	N/A FaHCSIA/Treasury review

There is one review planned as at 31 May 2013. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Evaluation of DisabilityCare Australia launch	N/A	\$7,538,072 (GST inclusive)