

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-211

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: REVIEWS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

a) What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010?

Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including:

b) When those reviews were provided to Government,

c) Estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and

d) If the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.

e) How many reviews are ongoing?

f) How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?

g) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?

h) Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?

Answer:

The term 'review' is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question the Department has interpreted it to refer to major policy reviews under the current Government. This answer excludes internal reviews which are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programs, or which are undertaken as part of administrative processes, and excludes reviews which are conducted as part of statutory obligations and program responsibilities of the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

Answers to questions a, b, c, d, e, f, g and h below.

a) The total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010 is seven.

One review completed as follows:

Review title	c) Est. cost (GST incl.)	d) Date of Government Response
Review of the Queensland Health Rural Generalist Pathway model to examine whether there is potential to expand the model nationally b) Completed 29 June 2010.	\$162,019	The Report has been disseminated to key stakeholders, members of the Health Workforce Principal Committee and was made available on the Department's website on 17 November 2010. The Government will not be responding to the Report as it does not contain recommendations. Rather, it was a research-focussed report designed to inform future policy discussions.
e) The total number of reviews ongoing is six.		
f) The total number of reviews completed since Additional Estimates is two.		
g) There are no further reviews planned at this time.		
h) No.		