

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Departmental Reviews

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) Since 7 September 2013, how many new reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:
 - i) the date they were ordered;
 - ii) the date they commenced;
 - iii) the minister responsible;
 - iv) the department responsible;
 - v) the nature of the review;
 - vi) their terms of reference;
 - vii) the scope of the review;
 - viii) whom is conducting the review;
 - ix) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review;
 - x) the expected report date; and
 - xi) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.
- b) For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
 - i) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names.
 - ii) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent.
 - iii) If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item?
 - iv) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement?
 - v) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details?
 - vi) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them?
 - vii) If yes, for each, who selected them?
 - viii) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them?

- If yes, please detail what involvement it was.
 - If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list?
 - If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur?
 - If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department?
 - If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur?
- c) Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
- d) Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- e) Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- f) Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- g) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- h) What reviews are planned?
 - i) When will each planned review be commenced?
 - ii) When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - iii) When will government respond to each review?
 - iv) Will the government release each review?
 - If so, when?
 - If not, why not?

Answer:

- a) None.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) None.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) None.
- f) None.
- g) Not applicable.
- h) None.