

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-027

OUTCOME: 0 – Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Departmental Reviews

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- a) What reviews are planned?
- b) When will each planned review be commenced?
- c) When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- d) When will government respond to each review?
- e) Will the government release each review?
 - i. If so, when?
 - ii. If not, why not?

Answer:

a) to e)

The term ‘review’ is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question the Department of Health has interpreted it to refer to major policy reviews under the current Government. This interpretation excludes internal reviews that are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programmes or as part of administrative processes, and excludes reviews that are conducted as part of statutory obligations or the programme responsibilities of the Health Portfolio.

Based on that definition, there are no reviews currently planned.

For reviews currently commenced, please see the response provided to Question on Notice E13-020.