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Senator Ruston asked:

Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to release the findings of this review that you are referring to that you said you undertook a couple of years ago?

Mr Scott: There are a few. The main one that was done was the KPMG review, which I believe is sealed by the previous Howard government and is not available. In my experience, that has been the most valuable review that has been done. As to other material, I will take that on notice and see what the status of those reviews are.

Senator XENOPHON: Is that still sealed, that review?

Mr Scott: Yes, it is.

Senator XENOPHON: How many years?

Mr Scott: Since 2007. But it has held up very well over time. I was reviewing it the other day myself.

Senator XENOPHON: But you cannot tell us about it?

Mr Scott: I cannot tell you about it.

Answer:

In addition to the KPMG review which was completed in 2006, the findings of which are Cabinet-in-Confidence, the ABC has conducted the following reviews in recent years:

Date	Review	Findings	Status
2009–10	Support Services review	Findings are commercial-in-confidence	Complete
2008	Production review	Findings are commercial-in-confidence	Complete