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Question No: 316

Program No: Australia Post Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Reviews

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:
 - 1. the date they were ordered
 - 2. the date they commenced
 - 3. the minister responsible
 - 4. the department responsible
 - 5. the nature of the review
 - 6. their terms of reference
 - 7. the scope of the review
 - 8. Who is conducting the review
 - 9. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
 - 10. the expected report date
 - 11. the budgeted, projected or expected costs
 - 12. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
 - 1. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
 - 2. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
 - 3. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
 - 4. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
 - 5. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
 - 6. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
 - 7. If yes, for each, who selected them
 - 8. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
 - 1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - 2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - 3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - 4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - 5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur

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- 3. Which reviews are on-going?
 - 1. Please list them.
 - 2. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
- 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 8. What reviews are planned?
 - 1. When will each planned review be commenced?
 - 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - 3. When will government respond to each review?
 - 4. Will the government release each review?
 - 1. If so, when? If not, why not?

Answer:

1-8. Australia Post has not undertaken any Reviews during the specified period.