

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0022\_14

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Questions EW0452\_13, EW0453\_13 and EW0831\_13.*

**Question**

**Reviews - financial year to date**

For this financial year to date: • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded?

**Answer**

For the 2012-2013 financial year eleven reviews have been conducted - see Attachment A for details. There are three planned reviews – details at Attachment B.

Attachment A - Reviews financial year to date

Reviews for financial year to date (2012-13)	Has review concluded? If still ongoing, when will it be concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to reviews that have been completed?	Has the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?	Estimated cost of the review?
Evaluation of the More Support for Students with Disabilities	No – To conclude June 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.375 million
Digital Education Revolution Mid-Program Review	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	\$667 000
Smarter Schools National Partnerships Impact Evaluation	No - To conclude October 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$592 781
Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership – Visa Simplification and Deregulation Project (DIAC chaired)	No – To conclude July 2015	N/A	Progressively from 1 July 2011	Yes, with announcements on recent changes at: <a href="http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb191403.htm">www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb191403.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/bo/2013/bo194165.htm">www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/bo/2013/bo194165.htm</a>	Cost met from Departmental resources
OECD Review of Australia's Activation Policies	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A – The review is being used to inform the consultation and development process for the new employment services contracts coming into effect in 2015.	The Department's contribution to the OECD was \$134 000.
Mid term review of Australia-ILO Partnership Agreement carried out by DEEWR and AusAID in consultation with the ILO and social partners	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Costs met from Departmental resources

Attachment A - Reviews financial year to date

Reviews for financial year to date (2012-13)	Has review concluded? If still ongoing, when will it be concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to reviews that have been completed?	Has the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?	Estimated cost of the review?
<i>Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988</i> (SRC Act)	Yes	Yes	On 2 May 2013, The Government announced the prioritisation of 21 recommendations arising from the Report.  The Government is currently considering its response to the remaining recommendations.	N/A	\$872 238
Review of the Seacare Scheme	Yes	Yes	The Government is currently considering its response.	N/A	\$80 693
KPMG Evaluation of the School Nutrition Program	Yes	Yes	All recommendations have either been implemented or are in progress	Yes	\$246 592
Evaluation of the Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Pilot Program	No – To conclude June 2014	N/A	Upon submission of final report	N/A	\$334 000
Review of the National Architecture to support delivery of the SCSEEC agreed reforms	No – To conclude July 2013	N/A	After delivery of the final report	N/A	\$172 000

Attachment B – Planned reviews

What reviews are planned?	When will each of these reviews be concluded?
Smarter Schools National Partnerships Impact Evaluation	October 2013
As per the <i>Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008</i> , a review of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's (ACARA's) ongoing role and functions.  Please refer to <a href="http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2008A00136">www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2008A00136</a> for further information in relation to the <i>Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008</i> .	This review is due in 2014 and expected to take six months
Review of the <i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Act 2011</i>	By 31 December 2013