

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Reviews**
Question: **203**
Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:
 - a. the date they were ordered
 - b. the date they commenced
 - c. the minister responsible
 - d. the department responsible
 - e. the nature of the review
 - f. their terms of reference
 - g. the scope of the review
 - h. Who is conducting the review
 - i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
 - j. the expected report date
 - k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs
 - l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
 - a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
 - b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
 - c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
 - d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
 - e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
 - f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
 - g. If yes, for each, who selected them
 - h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
 - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
3. Which reviews are on-going?
 - a. Please list them.
 - b. 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?
 - a. When will each planned review be commenced?
 - b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - c. When will government respond to each review?
 - d. Will the government release each review?
 - e. If so, when? If not, why not?

Answer

1. Since 14 September 2015, the following reviews have commenced:
Structural Review of the Strategic Asset Planning and Performance (SAPP) Branch
 - a. October 2015.
 - b. 25 November 2015.
 - c. Not applicable.
 - d. DPS.
 - e. The focus of the review was to undertake a structural review of the SAPP Branch.
 - f. The terms of reference included stakeholder consultation and staff engagement, issue and opportunity identification, service delivery framework and resource modelling, recommendation and change impacts.
 - g. The consultant was asked to review the SAPP Branch to ensure the structure and resources within the Branch are optimised to deliver the required functions and services in an efficient and effective manner consistent with best practice model for strategic asset planning.
 - h. KMR Consulting.
 - i. One external Principal Consultant.
 - j. 8 March 2016
 - k. \$17,928.63 (incl GST).
 - l. No.
2. Yes. See h. above.
 - a. KMR Consulting.
 - b. Principal Consultant of KMR Consulting – Kristine Riethmiller.
 - c. This information is commercial in confidence.
 - d. They will design, develop and implement the evaluation, and then analyse and report back on the results gathered.
 - e. No.
 - f. Not applicable.
 - g. First Assistant Secretary, Building and Asset Management Division.
 - h. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. The structural review of the SAPP Branch has been concluded.
6. Not applicable.
7. There are no reviews currently planned.