Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Ludwig
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Question:

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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) Whom 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 since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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

    j) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list

    k) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur

    l) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department

    m) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur

3. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going?
    a) Please list them.
    b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
4. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
5. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
6. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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?
    f) If not, why not?

Answer:

1. The IGIS has commenced one new inquiry under the *Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986* (the IGIS Act) since February 2014. The inquiry was initiated by the Inspector-General of her own motion on 10 June 2014. The inquiry relates to the activities of an intelligence agency. The inquiry is being conducted in accordance with the IGIS Act, such inquiries are conducted in private. In accordance with the IGIS Act the report of this inquiry will be provided to the relevant Minister. It is the usual practice of the IGIS to also provide an unclassified summary of an inquiry which can be made public. The IGIS also reports on inquiries in the IGIS annual report which is tabled in parliament.
2. No external people, companies or contractors have been engaged to assist with the inquiry.
3. Nil (other than the new inquiry mentioned in answer 1)
4. None
5. Nil
6. None
7. Not Applicable
8. Nil