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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

For each of the functional reviews that will be initiated for the following departments and agencies (as announced on 11 May 2015): Departments of Agriculture, Environment, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Treasury, Attorney-General's, Social Services; and the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

1. When will the review start?
2. Will Finance staff be involved in these reviews? If so, will they be outposted into the relevant department/agency? How many staff members would be involved per review?
3. Will external contractors be involved? If so, how many per functional review?
4. Who will lead the review?
5. Who will be ultimately responsible for implementing any recommendations of the review?
6. Will staff of the departments/agencies being reviewed be involved in the process of the review?

Answer:

1. Six Reviews have commenced, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of the Treasury Reviews will commence in early 2016.
2. Finance will provide support and assistance to Reviews as required.
3. An Independent Review Leader will undertake each Review.
4. An Independent Review Leader will lead each Review.
5. The relevant Accountable Authority is expected to lead the implementation of the government endorsed recommendations.
6. Entities are responsible for appropriate engagement with staff.