

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013–14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Reviews

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

Question

Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews 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. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.**

Answer

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is undertaking a performance audit of the administration of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO). The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness of the PBO in conducting its role since establishment.

The ANAO will examine if the PBO has:

- a. Established effective governance and administrative arrangement to support the delivery of services to the Parliament;
- b. Sound and timely process to facilitate the conduct of its key functions within and outside the caretaker period; and
- c. Processes to monitor, report and review performance.

The report is expected to be tabled in the 2014 winter session of the Parliament.