

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Supplementary Estimates - Nov 2013

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Reviews

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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1. 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

2. For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors been 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 what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to 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 provide 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 date did this involvement occur

- 3. Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
- 4. Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 5. Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 6. Since 7 September 2013, 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?
 - i. if so, when
 - ii. if not, why not

Answer:

Consolidated response provided by the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet.