

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 158
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Policy and Communications Division (PCD)
Topic: Portfolio wide - reviews
Hansard Page: N/A
Question Date: 7 March 2014
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, 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

Answer:

Department of the Environment

a-h) Please see Attachment A

Portfolio Agencies

Climate Change Authority

The Climate Change Authority commenced the following reviews as listed in Question on Notice 157, between 18 November 2013 and 24 February 2014:

- Transport sector emissions; Carbon Farming Initiative; Useful elements of an International post-2020 climate agreement; and International emissions reductions that could be used to help meet Australia's emissions reduction goals.

None of these reviews have engaged any external people, companies or contractors.

The following Portfolio Agencies provided a 'nil' response for all questions listed above:

Bureau of Meteorology; Clean Energy Regulator; Director of National Parks; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; National Water Commission; and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.