

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

**Question No:** 160  
**Hearing:** Additional Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Policy and Communications Division (PCD)  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide - reviews  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 4 March 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them
2. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
3. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

**Answer:**

**Department of the Environment**

1-4. Nil

**Great Barrier Marine Park Authority**

1. Nil
2. Probity and Governance Review [Investigated potential conflicts of interest: two members of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority].
3. Probity and Governance Review, submitted to the Minister for the Environment on 21 February 2014.
4. As recommended in the Probity and Governance Review, released by the Minister for the Environment on 24 February 2014, the Australian Government will not be taking further action.

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

Bureau of Meteorology; Clean Energy Regulator; Climate Change Authority; Director of National Parks; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; National Water Commission; and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.