Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Reviews

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QUESTION No.: AI-79

How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the agency or affecting the portfolio agency?

When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Which Reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?

When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

ANSWER

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is subject to a Program Review in line with funding provided to CSIRO by the Quadrennium Funding Agreement. The Lapsing Program Review of CSIRO formally commenced on 5 March 2010 and it is anticipated that this will be completed by September 2010. The Government will respond to the reviews findings in due course.