

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2010-11
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Barnett.

QUESTION No.: BI-72

What is the total number of Reviews *both completed and ongoing* in the department or affecting the department since November 2007?

Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) including:

- when those reviews were provided to Government,
- estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and
- if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.

How many reviews are ongoing?

How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?

What further reviews are planned in the portfolio?

ANSWER

For all reviews completed in the Portfolio prior to 1 February 2010 refer to answers provided in AI-69 and AI-79 (2009-10 Additional Estimates).

Ongoing

Program Name	Portfolio body
Research Workforce Strategy	DIISR
Innovation Investment Fund	DIISR
Review schedule 4 of the Customs Tariff Act (under the Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership)	DIISR
IP Rights Reform	IP Australia
Senate Inquiry into Gene Patents	IP Australia
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Patentable Subject Matter	IP Australia

Refer to AI-69 and AI-79.

See table below for updated information since February 2010 Senate Estimates

Name	Provided to Govt.	Estimated Cost	Govt. Response	Portfolio Agency
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Post Grant Patent Enforcement Strategies	January 2010	Refer AI-69	Expected in August 2010	IP Australia
ACIP review on Enforcement of Plant Breeder's Rights	December 2009	Refer AI-69	Expected in October 2010	IP Australia
The evaluation of the National collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy	Date to be confirmed	Ongoing – total cost to 31 May 2010 \$219,658 (GST exclusive)	Not applicable	DIISR

Refer to response for question 1.

National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy.

Further Reviews planned for the Portfolio

Program Name	Portfolio body
Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS)	DIISR
Enhanced Project By-law Scheme	DIISR
Industry Cooperative Innovation Program	DIISR
R&D Tax Concession	DIISR
National Enabling Technologies Strategy (NETS)	DIISR
Commercialisation Australia	DIISR
Enterprise Connect	DIISR
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on IP Collaborative Research	IP Australia