

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

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DEEWR Question No. EW0831_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Questions EW0452_13 and EW0453_13.

Question

Reviews - financial year to date

- For this financial year to date:
- How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- What reviews are planned?
- When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer

For the 2012–13 financial year, nine reviews have been conducted, see [Attachment A](#) for details. There is one planned review: see [Attachment B](#).

Attachment A

Reviews for financial year to date (2012-13)	Has Review concluded? If still ongoing, when will it be concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	When will the Government be responding to Reviews that have been completed?	Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?	Estimated cost of the Review? <i>All figures GST inclusive</i>
Evaluation of the More Support for Students with Disabilities initiative	No – to conclude by June 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.375 million
Digital Education Revolution Mid-Program Review	No – to conclude by May 2013.	No	N/A	In line with a JCPAA recommendation, the Department will undertake to release relevant findings from the DER mid-program review Report within three months of its completion.	\$667 000
Smarter Schools National Partnership Impact Evaluation	No - to conclude in December 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$592 781
Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership – Visa Simplification and Deregulation Project (DIAC chaired)	No - to conclude in July 2015	N/A	Progressively from 1 July 2011	Yes, progressively with most recent announcement on temporary work visas in November 2012 (see www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb191403.htm)	Cost met from departmental resources
OECD Review of Australia's Activation Policies	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A - The review is being used to inform the consultation and development process for the new employment services contracts coming into effect in 2015.	The Department's contribution to the OECD was \$134 000

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Mid term review of Australia-ILO Partnership Agreement carried out by DEEWR and AusAID in consultation with the ILO and social partners	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Cost met from departmental resources
<i>Safety Rehabilitation & Compensation Act 1988 (SRC Act)</i>	Yes	Yes	Government is currently considering its response	N/A	\$874 000
Review of the Seacare Scheme	Yes	Yes	Government is currently considering its response	N/A	\$83 000. Some costs associated with this Review are still outstanding
KPMG Evaluation of the School Nutrition Program	Yes	Yes	All recommendations have either been implemented or are in progress	Yes	\$246 592

Attachment B

What reviews are planned?	When will each of these reviews be concluded?
The evaluation of the Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Pilot over 2013/14	Will conclude in June 2014.