

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0452_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0453_13, EW0062_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 current financial year to date five reviews have been conducted or are planned. See [Attachment A](#) for details. One review is planned. See [Attachment B](#) for details.

Group - NOT TO BE TABLED	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 respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?	Estimated cost of the Review?
Schools	Evaluation of the More Support for Students with Disabilities Initiative	June 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.25 million (GST exclusive)
WRI&S	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Review	Not concluded. Will conclude in February 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.25 million
WRI&S	Seacare Scheme Review	Not concluded. Will conclude in February 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$660,000
SPESG	OECD Review of Australia's Activation Policies	Final report due to be released December 2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	Approx \$134,000
SPESG	Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership – Visa Simplification and Deregulation Project	Ongoing – to be concluded July 2015	N/A	Progressively from 1 July 2011	Yes, noting most recent announcement as part of progressive review is at www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb191403.htm	Cost met from departmental resources

Group– NOT TO BE TABLED	Planned Reviews	Estimated conclusion
Schools	Smarter Schools National Partnerships National Evaluation – Phase 2 Planned commencement: December 2012	2013/14