

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

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

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0453_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0062_13

Question

Reviews 2011-12

For 2011-12:

- How many Reviews were undertaken?
- Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer

For the 2011-12 financial year, 14 reviews have been conducted, are underway or are planned. See Attachment A for details.

Group – NOT TO BE TABLED	Reviews undertaken for financial year 2011-2012	When was/will the Review be concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government?	Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?	Estimated cost of the Review?
Schools	1. Evaluation of the More Support for Students with Disabilities Initiative	June 2014	N/A	N/A	\$1.25 million
Schools	2. Evaluation of the Sporting Chance Program	January 2012	Yes	Yes	\$207 801
Schools	3. Review of Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme (AICS)	September 2012	No	N/A	\$39 200
Schools	4. Evaluation of the Youth Connections/Reducing Substance Abuse (Petrol Sniffing) Pilot Projects	July 2012	No	N/A	\$152 000
Schools	5. Empowering Local Schools Evaluation	April 2012	No	N/A	\$674 982
LMS	6. Review of Remote Participation and Employment Services	April 2012	Yes	N/A	Cost was met from Departmental resources (DEEWR and FaHCSIA)
Asbestos Safety	7. Asbestos Management Review	June 2012	Yes	N/A	\$1.1 million over 3 financial years
WRP	8. Mid-term review of Australia-ILO Partnership Agreement carried out by DEEWR and AusAID in consultation with the ILO and social partners.	10 September 2012	Yes	N/A	Cost met from Department budget

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WRP	9. Post-implementation review of the Fair Work Act	June 2012	Yes	N/A – there was no required timeframe.	Just under \$900 000. This includes secretariat expenses, panel expenses and publication expenses.
SPESG	10. Review of Employer Sponsored Permanent Migration (DIAC chaired)	19 August 2011	Yes	Yes – Recommendations implemented from 1 July 2012 following 9 March 2012 announcement. See www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb183639.htm and www.immi.gov.au/skilled/skilled-workers/permanent-employer-sponsored-visa-whats-new.htm	Cost met from departmental resources
SPESG	11. Better Regulation Ministerial Partnership – Visa Simplification and Deregulation project (DIAC chaired)	July 2015	N/A	Yes, progressively from 1 July 2011	Cost met from departmental resources

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SPESG	12. Review of Employer Sanctions Legislation - Combating Illegal Work in Australia	July 2011	Yes	Yes – see media releases on Government Response and legislative change at www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2011/cb168519.htm ; www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb188519.htm ; and www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb192039.htm	Cost met from Departmental Responses
SPESG	13. Review of Business Skills Program	Final Quarter 2011	Yes	Yes – see media release at www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2012/cb187042.htm	Cost met from Departmental Responses
NT State Office	14. Evaluation of the School Nutrition Program	October 2011	Yes	Yes. Public Release September 2012. http://www.deewr.gov.au/schooling/pages/theschoolnutritionprogram.aspx	\$247 000. Cost met from Departmental resources