

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

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**Senator:** McKenzie

**Topic:** Reviews

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**Question:**

1. What progress have you made to address the APSC Capability Review for your agency?
2. Are there any other reviews of your organisation currently being implemented or settled down post-implementation? What has been the benefit of or impact of those exercises? [If prompts needed – what about the ANAO, the Productivity Commission, or other such scrutineer organisations?]
3. Have there been any reviews in your portfolio area in the past six years that have since gone unactioned in part or in full?
  - a) If so, what were the problems that led to the review, how long were these issues there and what is the current state of those issues?

**Answer:**

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Department is committed to addressing the findings of the APSC Capability Review. All findings are being addressed with many priorities already completed or well under way.</li><li>2. No.</li><li>3. No.</li></ol>
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. N/A</li><li>2. Yes.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Inquiry into the 2013 WA Senate Election</u> ( the Keelty Report)</li></ul>Implementation of the recommendations of the Keelty Report is continuing. Implementation of these measures will benefit the AEC and the electorate through improvements to processes, procedures and policies around logistics and material management, contract management and ballot paper security, and compliance with processes, procedures, and policies. An evaluation report of implementation in the Griffith by-election will be tabled in coming weeks, with further updates provided in due course.</li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Review of the Australian Electoral Commission's Disclosure Compliance Function under Part XX of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i> (the McLeod Report)</u></li> </ul> <p>Implementation of the recommendations from the McLeod Report is continuing. The implementation of these recommendations will ensure that an effective business model is established which meets industry best practice in undertaking compliance reviews of financial disclosure obligations under Part XX of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i>. This business model will ensure effective objective assessments to be made about the level of compliance being achieved and continuing the concept of even-handedness in coverage of the main political parties.</p> <p>3. Refer to Question 2.</p>
ComSuper	<p>1. ComSuper has not been assessed under the APSC Capability Review framework. We have however reviewed the process and the results of other agencies and will be determining what action would be useful in the light of the review process.</p> <p>2. No.</p> <p>3. No.</p>
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>1. N/A.</p> <p>2. No.</p> <p>3. No.</p>
Future Fund Management Agency	<p>1. N/A.</p> <p>2. No.</p> <p>3. No.</p>