

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency 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/agency?

Answer: As with PM&C's response to PM69 at 2010 Additional Estimates, a 'review' is considered to be a formal examination of an area of government policy undertaken by an agency and to which a government response is expected.

Since November 2007 12 reviews have been undertaken; ten have been completed and two are ongoing. Since the February 2010 additional estimates, one review has been completed and three future reviews are planned.

The attached table sets out a breakdown of reviews undertaken, when reviews were provided to the Government and responded to, and the costs of the reviews.