

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Budget Estimates 2010–11**

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**Department/Agency: Office of the Privacy Commissioner**

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**Senator:** Barnett

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**PM 68 – Reviews – All Departments and Agencies – Senator Barnett**

- a) What is the total number of reviews *both completed and ongoing* in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency since November 2007?
- b) Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the government came to office) including
  - i. When those reviews were provided to Government
  - ii. Estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost)
  - iii. If the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond
- c) How many reviews are ongoing?
- d) How many reviews have been completed since Additional Estimates?
- e) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?

**Answer**

- a) One review affecting the Office has been ongoing/completed in the period. This was the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) Privacy Inquiry which concluded with the release of the report—*For Your Information: Australian Privacy Law and Practice*. This Inquiry commenced on 30 January 2006. The ALRC completed this Inquiry in May 2008.
- b) The Office has not commenced any reviews since the current Government came to office.
- c) None
- d) None
- e) There are currently no reviews planned for the Office.