

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Reviews

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- 1. How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?**
- 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?**
- 3. What reviews have been concluded FYTD?**
- 4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?**
- 5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?**
- 6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?**
- 7. What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?**

Answer:

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.

- 1. Three.**
- 2-6. See attached table.**
- 7. None.**

SE Question on Notice: Question 136 - REVIEWS in 2010-11
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| No. | Title | Concluded / Current | Expected/ Actual Completion Date | Expected / Actual Date Provided to Govt | When will Govt respond to Review? | Cost of Review (in addition to PM&C staff salaries) |
|-----|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Sector Review | Concluded | 7/01/2011 | 7/01/2011 | The government responded to the review publicly on 6 April 2011 | \$550,063 |
| 2 | 2010 Review of the Australian Independent Screen Production Sector | Concluded | 17/02/2011 | 8/02/2011 | The government responded to the review as part of the 2011-12 Budget | NIL |
| 3 | Active After-School Communities (AASC) Program Administrative Review | Concluded | 23/03/2011 | 23/03/2011 | To be determined | \$30,651 |
| 4 | 2011 Triennial Review of the National Counter-Terrorism Arrangements | Concluded | 1/06/2011 | July 2011 | To be determined | \$88,000 |
| 5 | Audit of Whole-of-Government Crisis Coordination Mechanisms | Current | 10/07/2011 | 10/07/2011 | To be determined | \$30,000 |
| 6 | The Independent Review of the Intelligence Community (IRIC) | Current | 31/07/2011 | 31/07/2011 | To be determined | Funding of \$3 million over two financial years was announced in the 2010-11 Budget to cover the estimated cost of IRIC |
| 7 | National Intelligence Priorities (NIPs) Review | Concluded | 1/08/2010 | 1/03/2011 | To be determined in light of outcomes of the IRIC | NIL |
| 8 | Strategic Review into the Sustainability of Football in Australia | Current | To be determined | To be determined | To be determined | An initial allocation of \$77,000 has been made to commence the review. |
| 9 | Shared Services Feasibility Study | Concluded | 15/11/2010 | 24/3/2011 | The Government has considered the report. | Consultant costs of \$92,216.36 (GST exclusive) were shared equally between the Department of Finance and Deregulation, Department of the Treasury and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. |