

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

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance and Deregulation  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Reviews

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** F86

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** Friday, 12 July 2013

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**Question:**

For this financial year to date:

- a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
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- e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- g) What reviews are planned?
- h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013:

- a) Twelve
- b) Three. Five reviews are expected to be completed in 2012-2013; four in 2013-2014.
- c) Three
- d) This is a matter for government.
- e) This is a matter for government.
- f) The estimated total costs are \$4.7 million. The costs of one review were shared with the Attorney-General's Department and the costs of four other reviews were absorbed by Finance.
- g) Nil.
- h) N/A

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**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013:

- a) Nil.
- b) One concluded. An independent review of the AEC's disclosure and compliance function and its monitoring of political donations under Part XX of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* was undertaken by former Commonwealth Ombudsman, Mr Ron McLeod AM, with assistance from PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- c) One.
- d) N/A.
- e) N/A.
- f) \$206,596.99 (GST inclusive).
- g) Nil.
- h) N/A.

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