

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Payne

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Question:

Senator PAYNE: Could you on notice provide detail around the status of each of the reviews of the national agreements.

Ms Cross: Yes.

Answer:

The review of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement has been finalised and is expected to go to Council of Australian Governments for endorsement by the end of 2011.

The review of the National Disability Agreement has commenced, and is expected to be completed as planned by the end of 2011.

The review of the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development has commenced and is expected to be completed by February 2012.

The review of the National Healthcare Agreement has commenced and is expected to be completed by 30 April 2012.

The review of the National Affordable Housing Agreement has commenced and is expected to be completed no later than 30 June 2012.

The review of National Education Agreement is not scheduled to commence until 2012. However, it is expected to be completed as planned by 30 June 2012.