

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Reviews Undertaken

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

For this financial year to date:

- a. How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 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:

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.

Answers to the questions are provided in the attached table.

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SBE Question on Notice: Question 93 - REVIEWS

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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.	COAG Construction Industry Costs and Productivity Panel	Current	Expected date of completion/ submission to COAG: 31 July 2013 (in accordance with the Terms of Reference provided in the 25 July 2012 COAG communique)	Expected date provided to Government: 31 July 2013	Anticipated response by Government: to be determined by COAG following receipt of the report on 31 July 2013	Approximately \$635,000 (cost to the Commonwealth)
2.	Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers	Concluded	13/08/2012	13/08/2012	The Government responded to the review on 13 August 2012, endorsing in principle, all of the recommendations of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers report.	The cost of the review included stakeholder and public consultations, preparing and printing the reports, service fees, travel and general expenses and came to \$184,432.