

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0462) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

Portfolio wide - For this financial year to date: How many Reviews are being undertaken? What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

The details of Reviews undertaken for this financial year to date (11 Feb 2013) can be found at Attachment A.

AE13/0462 – ATTACHMENT A

Name of Review	Conclusion Date/Expected Conclusion Date	Review provided to the Government	Government Response	Reason for delayed response by Government	Estimated Cost
Review of visa arrangements for international airline crew.	July 2013.	No.	N/A.	N/A.	All costs relating to consultations and legislative change will be absorbed within existing departmental resources.
Australian Public Service Commission's Capability Review of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.	Late 2013/early 2014.	Yes.	Refer to Part 5 of the Review, released 30 November 2012 by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC).	N/A.	The APSC manages the costs of the review. The department was invoiced \$536,141.97.
Review of the Assessment Level Framework 2012.	Report provided to Government in September 2012.	Yes.	The Government is currently considering the report and proposed recommendations.	The Government is currently considering the report and proposed recommendations. A formal response is anticipated shortly.	All costs relating to the review were absorbed within existing departmental resources.

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<p>Recommendation 17 of Joint Standing Committee on Migration (JSCM) report <i>Enabling Australia</i> that the Australian Government investigate the introduction of a voluntary bond or other scheme for visa applicants to indemnify against, or manage health care or community services costs assessed under the health requirement of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth).</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>December 2012.</p>	<p>Review noted by the Minister and recommendations supported on 22 January 2013.</p>	<p>N/A.</p>	<p>All costs relating to the review were absorbed within existing departmental resources.</p>
<p>Review of alternative English Language Test Providers for Student visas.</p>	<p>Expected to be concluded in May 2013.</p>	<p>No – review expected to be concluded in May 2013.</p>	<p>To be advised.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>All costs related to the review are absorbed within existing departmental resources.</p>