

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 95

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a. What is the total number of reviews both *completed* and *ongoing* in the portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010?
- b. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including:
 - when the reviews were provided to Government
 - estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost)
 - information regarding whether the Government has responded to the review or expects to respond (or if it will not)
- c. How many reviews are ongoing?
- d. How many reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates 2010?
- e. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?
- f. Will any of the reviews cease due to the 2010 election?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a. The total number of reviews¹ completed and ongoing in the portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010 is 13.
Three reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates 2010, and one has been subsumed by work flowing from the Government response to the Montara Inquiry. There are currently nine reviews being undertaken across the portfolio.
- b. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010.

Reviews completed since 24 May 2010			
Title	Date provided to Government	Estimated / actual Government response	Total cost²
Review of Part 1D of the Crimes Act 1914	30 June 2010	The Government is currently considering the recommendations of the report. A formal Government response is not required.	\$75,000 (GST inclusive)
Review of National Security Hotline	N/A	Further work being undertaken.	\$19,800 (GST inclusive)

¹ A review is defined as a - formal examination of a particular Departmental or agency responsibility which is suitable for public release which is conducted by or commissioned by the Department or agency.

Review of Family Violence Laws	10 October 2010	There is no obligation for the Government to respond. This is a matter for the Government.	The cost of the review is being met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
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c. How many reviews are ongoing?

Ten reviews are ongoing.

d. How many reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates 2010?

Three, and one subsumed by work flowing from the Government response to the Montara Inquiry.

e. What further reviews are planned for the portfolio/agency?

One. The Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) and the Attorney-General's Department plan a joint review of ACLEI's business practices and funding structure in 2010-11, in accordance with the Government's response to recommendation one of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ACLEI's report *Inquiry into Law Enforcement Models*.

f. Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 election?

No.