

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Reviews

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Senator Boyce asked:

For this financial year to date:

How many Reviews are being undertaken?

- a) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- b) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- c) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- d) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- f) What reviews are planned?
- g) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

The definition of 'Reviews' used to answer this question is any review publicly initiated by the Department or by one of its portfolio agencies. Other work relating to Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Council of Australian Governments working groups and internal committees are excluded.

The majority of Reviews did not require a formal Government response, as they were designed to inform future program and service development. Reviews to which the Government has responded can be found at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

For the current financial year up to 7 March 2013 there are 14 Reviews currently being undertaken in the FaHCSIA portfolio. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Evaluation of the Reconnect Program – Phase 2	N/A – expected end date: TBA	\$30,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme	Expected end date: TBA	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme (including Dad and Partner Pay)	N/A – expected end date: March 2014	\$3,362,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of Part IV (Mining) Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976	Due date for delivery: 29 March 2013	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)

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Native Title Organisation Review	N/A – expected end date: December 2013	\$430,487 (GST inclusive)
Evaluation of Income Management in Western Australia: Phase 2	N/A – expected end date April 2013	\$400,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory	N/A – expected end date: December 2014	\$2,775,490 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Place-Based Income Management in Targeted Disadvantaged Locations	N/A – expected end date: May 2015	\$2,025,305 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Better Start for Children with a Disability Initiative (Better Start)	Due December 2013	\$371,250 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of MyTime Peer Support Groups for Parents and Carers of Children with Disability or Chronic Medical Condition	Expected March 2013	\$80,000 (GST exclusive)
Better Start Review of Eligible Therapies	June 2013	\$150,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund (SAIF)	N/A – expected end date: December 2014	To be confirmed. Estimated cost is \$80,000 to \$100,000 (GST exclusive)
Petrol Sniffing Strategy Whole of Strategy Evaluation	April 2013	\$169,000 (GST inclusive)
East Kimberley Youth Services Network Evaluation	April 2013	\$242,000 (GST inclusive)

Six reviews have concluded this financial year, up to 7 March 2013. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Alternate Payment Mechanisms for Early Intervention Services	Completed on 27 July 2012 and was published on FaHCSIA's website on 10 December 2012	\$101,818 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations	31 January 2013	\$73,459 (GST inclusive)
Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Regional Partnership Agreement Progress Evaluation Report	3 August 2012	\$189,350 (GST inclusive)

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Broadband for Seniors Evaluation	13 December 2012	\$169,000 (GST exclusive)
Progress Review of Year 2 of the National Women's Alliances	30 November 2012	\$60,000 (GST Inclusive)
Cape York Welfare Reform Evaluation	5 March 2013	\$2,000,000 (GST inclusive)

There are two reviews planned as at 7 March 2013. The details are set out below:

Review Title	Date Provided to Government	Estimated Cost
Evaluation of National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch	N/a	TBA
Review of the adequacy of the Household Assistance Package	N/a – The Treasurer and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will review the adequacy of the package annually in the Budget context over the fixed price period.	TBA